

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome, whoever you are, just as you are!

At The Church of the Good Shepherd, we do not pass a collection plate during our Services. Please place your pledge payments or donations, in support of the ministries of the church, in the offering boxes located at the entrances of the Church. You may do this either before or after the Service. Thank you for your financial support, which allows the message of God's love and acceptance to shine forth through the ministries and services of our Good Shepherd community.

Good Shepherd's Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, usually on the first and third Sunday of the month. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children. ***The Sunday School is closed for the season.***

Good Shepherd's Sunday Nursery

Children of all ages are always welcome at our Sunday Services. Good Shepherd operates a nursery on Sunday from 9:50 –11:10am for infants and children through kindergarten (age 5-6) for those who wish to use it. The nursery is staffed by two adults who have completed Safe Church Training and a CORI background check. ***The Sunday Nursery is closed for the season.***

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.



Again, thank you for blessing us with your presence and participation this morning!

ASSISTING MINISTERS			
July 26, 2026		August 2, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
READERS: JOELLA CRUZ HOSPITALITY MINISTER: CHUCK MCCULLOUGH EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: CHERYL DENTON	READERS: BECKY RYDER JAN BARTON HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: DAN ANNA & BECKY HANSEN EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: KATHY DOYLE NURSERY MINISTERS: NO NURSERY COFFEE HOUR HOST(S): TBD SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	READERS: CHUCK MCCULLOUGH HOSPITALITY MINISTER: MIKE ALFONSO EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: MICHELLE MURRAY	READERS: BECKY RYDER JEAN NYMAN HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: CHUCK & DONNA TOLLEY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: MAURICE PARKENON NURSERY MINISTERS: NO NURSERY COFFEE HOUR HOST(S): TBD SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

"Let Us Go To The Altar"
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 9)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession

People:

Most merciful God,

we confess of the ways we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

For the times we have not loved you with our whole heart;

and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Opening Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

**Beloved and sovereign God,
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son
you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy.
By your Spirit, give us your wisdom,
that we may treasure the life
that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: Romans 8:26-31, 38-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:129-136

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 119 responsively by half verse

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia”

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)



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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-45

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 3)

The Message (please be seated)

The Prayers of the People (please stand as you are able)

Leader: God in your love for us.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us take a moment to turn and share a sign of peace with those around us. If you do not wish to shake hands, simply fold your hands in front of you and say, “Peace be with you.” We will then pray together the Prayer of St. Francis.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Presider and People:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(please be seated)

The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem: (10AM Service)

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Santiago Fernandez and Jesse Manibusan



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Words of Praise

Presider and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider & People:

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion

All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is “Amen”. If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Anthem:
(10AM Service)

“Simple Kingdom”

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Bryan & Katie Torwalt

The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Together let us pray.

Presider and People:

**God of unbounded love and compassion,
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
May this time of worship transform our hearts,
as we go forth to proclaim in word and deed
your message of love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

People’s Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Concluding Song: “Send Us, Oh God/Envianos El Mundo” *(see page 8)*
(10AM Service)

Refrain/Estribillo

Send us, O God, *en - ví - a - nos al mun - do,* to
be your mer - cy, to be your jus - tice, and your love!
Send us, O God, *en - ví - a - nos al mun - do,*
con tu paz *en - ví - a - nos,* send us, send us, O God!

Verses/Estrofas

1. With your Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord, *en -*
2. In our liv - ing you are known, *en -*

1. *ví - a - nos, Se - ñor,* con tu paz y con tu a - mor,
2. *ví - a - nos, Se - ñor,* al mos - trar tu com - pa - sión,

1. send us, O God; to the world we shall go, *en -*
2. send us, O God; in our giv - ing let us show, *en -*

1. *ví - a - nos, Se - ñor,* con tu luz y tu
2. *ví - a - nos, Se - ñor,* tu bon - dad, buen

to Refrain/al Estribillo

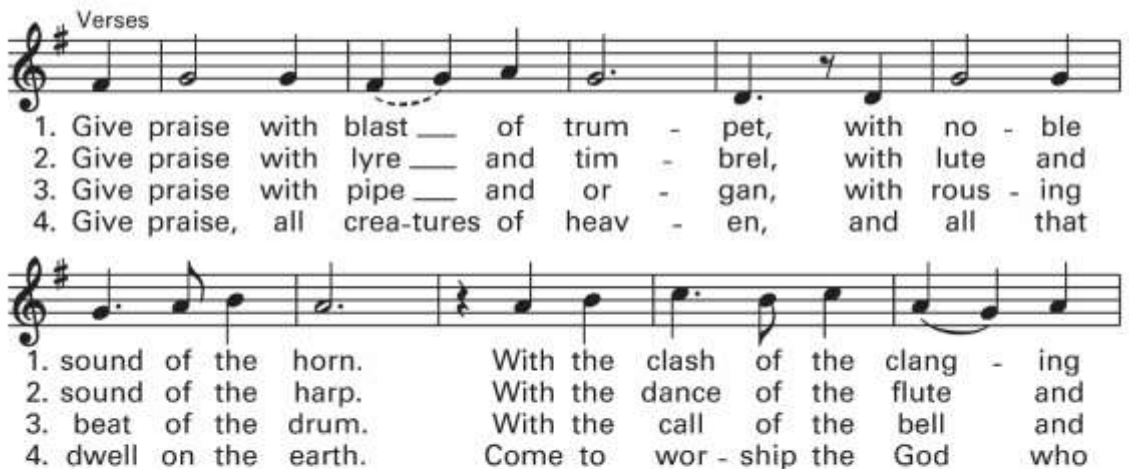
1. *per - dón,* send us, O God.
2. *Se - ñor,* send us, O God.

Refrain



Let us go to the al - tar of God, the God of our
 glad-ness and joy! Let us en - ter the courts of the
 house of the Lord and sing to the glo - ry of God.

Verses



1. Give praise with blast — of trum - pet, with no - ble
 2. Give praise with lyre — and tim - brel, with lute and
 3. Give praise with pipe — and or - gan, with rous - ing
 4. Give praise, all crea-tures of heav - en, and all that
 1. sound of the horn. With the clash of the clang - ing
 2. sound of the harp. With the dance of the flute and
 3. beat of the drum. With the call of the bell and
 4. dwell on the earth. Come to wor - ship the God who

to Refrain



1. cym - bal, give glo - ry to the Lord!
 2. o - boe, give glo - ry to the Lord!
 3. bag - pipe, give glo - ry to the Lord!
 4. made us, and dance be - fore the Lord!

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