

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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 until September 13.***

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 until September 13.***

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			
August 23, 2026		August 30, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
READERS: JOELLA CRUZ HOSPITALITY MINISTER: CHUCK MCCULLOUGH EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: CHERYL DENTON	READERS: S.G. PRESTON SCOOTER HOLCOMBE HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: PAT PROBERT & RICHE BALANCA EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: SHERYL FACCHETTI NURSERY MINISTERS: NO NURSERY COFFEE HOUR HOST(S): DALE WINTERS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	READERS: CHUCK MCCULLOUGH HOSPITALITY MINISTER: MIKE ALFONSO EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: MICHELLE MURRAY	READERS: JAN BARTON JUDY GOVONI HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: CHUCK & DONNA TOLLEY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: KATHY DOYLE NURSERY MINISTERS: NO NURSERY COFFEE HOUR HOST(S): GINNY ELDRIDGE, JANICE REED & JUDY GOVONI SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

“Sing A New Church”
(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.

**O God, with all your faithful followers of every age,
we praise you, the rock of our life.**

**Be our strong foundation
and form us into the body of your Son,
that we may gladly minister to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

(please be seated)

First Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 138 responsively by half verse

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- ³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- ⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁶ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- ⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**
- ⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
**O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia”

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)



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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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)

"Hallelujahs"

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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 Song:
(10AM Service)

"One Bread, One Body"

(see page 10)

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

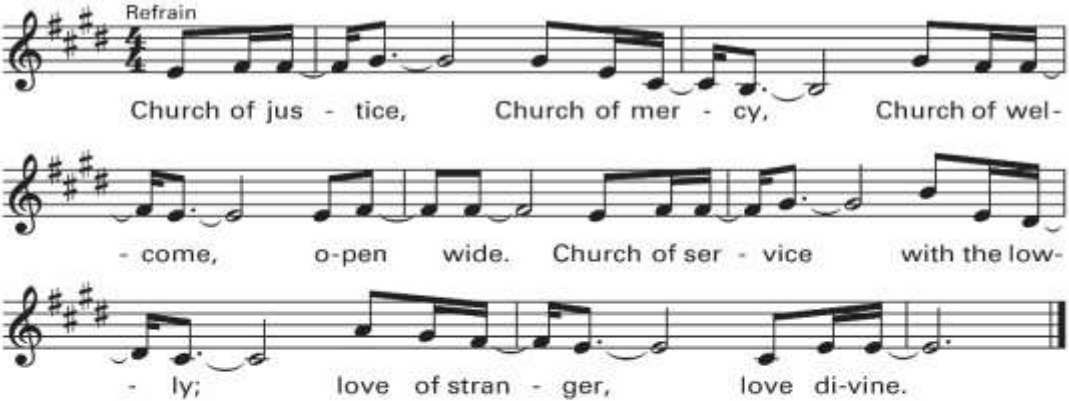
People's Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Concluding Song:
(10AM Service)

"Church Of Justice"

(see page 8)

Refrain



Church of jus - tice, Church of mer - cy, Church of wel -
 - come, o - pen wide. Church of ser - vice with the low -
 - ly; love of stran - ger, love di - vine.

Verses



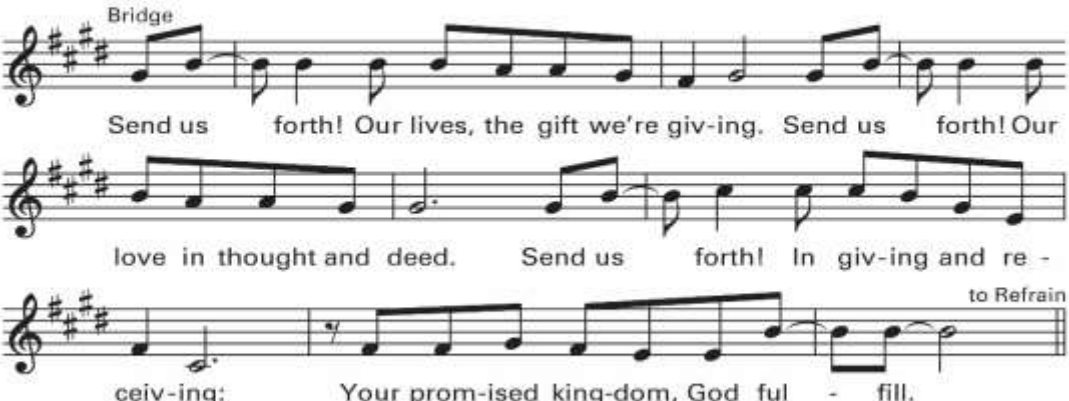
1. You breathed your Word and cre - at - ed. You speak and
 2. Our lives u - nit - ed in Com - mu - nion; your ta - ble

1. now all things sus - tain, As rain and snow pour down with
 2. set be - fore our eyes. Our hearts are lav - ished with your

to Refrain

1. pur - pose, your prom - ised jus - tice, God ful - fill.
 2. kind - ness. Your prom - ised ban - quet, God ful - fill.

Bridge



Send us forth! Our lives, the gift we're giv - ing. Send us forth! Our
 love in thought and deed. Send us forth! In giv - ing and re -
 ceiv - ing; Your prom - ised king - dom, God ful - fill,

to Refrain

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"Sing A New Church"

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1. Sum - moned by the God who made us Rich in
 2. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the
 3. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the
 4. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the



our di - ver - si - ty, Gath - ered in the name of
 Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion
 art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and
 hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er



Je - sus, Rich - er still in u - ni - ty:
 prom - ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.
 jus - tice; Let it sound through time and space.
 wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.



Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in



splen - did, var - ied ways, Sing a new Church in - to



be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

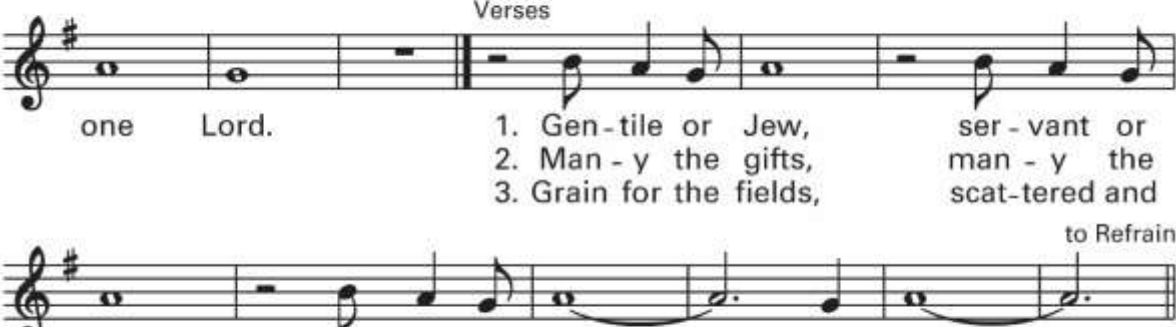
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Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
 one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
 man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this

Verses



one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew,	ser-vant or
2. Man-y the gifts,	man-y the
3. Grain for the fields,	scat-tered and

to Refrain

1. free,	wom-an or man,	no more.
2. works,	one in the Lord	of all.
3. grown,	gath-ered to one,	for all.

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