

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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!

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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.

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 will not be open on September 20.***

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

September 13, 2026		September 20, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<u>READERS:</u> KAREN CLARK <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> RICH SOUZA <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> NATECIA ALFONSO	<u>READERS:</u> JO-ANN FINN CECILY KOST <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> PAT PROBERT & RICHIE BALANCA <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> ELAINE GRAYBILL <u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> JOELLA CRUZ & ALLY PRESTON <u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S):</u> THE GOOD & GREEN TEAM <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:</u> VIVI MARTY-PAQUIN & FRAN BALANCA	No 8am Service Bishop's Visitation	<u>READERS:</u> SCOOTER HOLCOMBE S.G. PRESTON <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> DAN ANNA & BECKY HANSEN <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> DALE WINTERS <u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> NO NURSERY <u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S):</u> BRUNCH <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:</u> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Gather Us In”
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 9-10)

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 Lord God, merciful judge,
you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you,
that we may delight in doing your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

(please be seated)

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-13

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 103 responsively by half verse

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

³ He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia”

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)

Refrain: All

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia. lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 Sunday School Children Return: (10AM Service)

“Children Are a Gift from Heaven”

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Chil - dren are a gift from hea - ven, each soul trust - ing and u -
nique; God's ex - am - ple of faith's jour - ney for all peo - ple who will
seek. Chil - dren are a price - less trea - sure, sent from hea - ven like a
dove; po - e - try yet to be writ - ten, they bring laugh - ter, joy, and love!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Children Are a Gift from Heaven". It is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/8. The score consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a 4-measure rest, then continues with the melody. The second staff starts with a 4-measure rest. The third staff starts with an 8-measure rest. The fourth staff starts with a 12-measure rest. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem: (10AM Service)

“Give Me A Heart Of Forgiveness”

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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)

"Holiness"

(see page 12)

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)

"10,000 Reasons"

(see page 11)



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,
 Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,
Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song,
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950

Tune: GATHER US IN, Irregular; Marty Haugen, b.1950

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Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
 O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1-3 to Verses **Final**

I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.
 I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

Verses

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing,
 2. You're rich in love and you're slow to an - ger.
 3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing,

1. it's time to sing your song a - gain. What-ev - er may
 2. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your
 3. the end draws near, and my time has come; 7 still, my

1. pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
 2. good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing:
 3. soul will sing your praise un - end - ing:

to Refrain

1. let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 2. ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
 3. ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er - more.

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1. God of my heart, on - ly you hear all that I've car - ried un -
 2. God of my mind, on - ly you see all of the doubt I have
 3. God of my soul, on - ly you know all of the ways that I



1. spo - ken. You meet me here where light can't go;
 2. wres - tled. Gen - tly you teach; your words are life
 3. wan - der. You call my name, you sing me home,



1. balm of all things that are bro - ken. Lead - ing me from
 2. poured in - to this emp - ty ves - sel. Meet - ing me where
 3. wel - come me in - to the gar - den. Bring - ing me



1. my dis - tress in - to a place of light and rest;
 2. I dis - trust, tell - ing me all your truth in love;
 3. to your side, know - ing that I am your de - light;



1. lead - ing my heart to ho - li - ness.
 2. lead - ing my mind to ho - li - ness.



3. hold - ing my heart in faith - ful - ness,



3. lead - ing my life to ho - li - ness.



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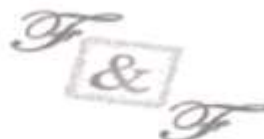
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