

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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 will reopen on 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 will reopen on 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			
September 6, 2026		September 13, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
READERS: JANET DRUM <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> KAREN CLARK <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> JOELLA CRUZ	READERS: BECKY RYDER JEAN NYMAN <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> JUDY GOVONI & RICHIE BALANCA <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> MAURICE PARKENON <u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> NO NURSERY <u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S):</u> KERRI GALLAGHER THIBEDEAU & THE PRESTON FAMILY <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS</u> SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 13	READERS: KAREN CLARK <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> RICH SOUZA <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> NATECIA ALFONSO	READERS: 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> TBD <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS</u> VIVI MARTY-PAQUIN & FRAN BALANCA



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

"By Our Love"
(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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church
with your perpetual mercy.**

**Without your help, we mortals will fail;
remove far from us everything that is harmful,
and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

(please be seated)

First Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 119 responsively by half verse

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

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 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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 for Healing (all are invited to come forward to receive prayers for healing)

Healing Music: "By Our Love"

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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)

"Can We Love"

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Tom Booth



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)

"Bread of Heaven"

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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)

"Sing To The Mountains"

(see page 8)

Refrain

Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic - es,
 lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the
 earth re - joice. to Verses Last time
 Let all the earth re - joice.

Verse 1

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have
 1. an - swered my plea. You have saved my
 1. soul from death. You are my strength and my song. to Refrain

Verse 2

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Heav -
 2. en and earth are full of your glo - ry. to Refrain

Verse 3

3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re-joice.
 3. Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glo-ry of God. to Refrain

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"By Our Love"

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Refrain



By our love, by our love, they will know we are
Chris-tians by our love. Not by words, but how we live, yes, they'll
know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

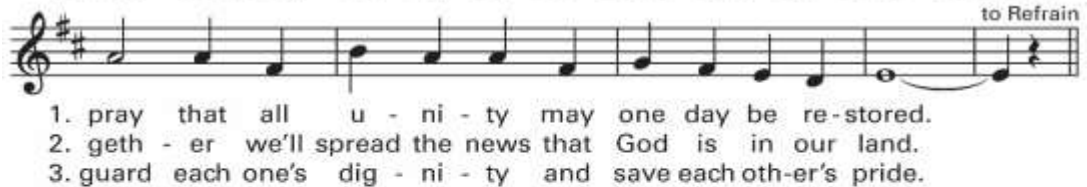
to Verses/Bridge

Verses



1. When we feed the hun - gry, they will know by our love,
2. Wel - come to the strang - er, they will know by our love,
3. Free - dom to the cap - tive, they will know by our love,
1. lift - ing up the low - ly, by our love, by our love. We are
2. shel - ter for the home - less, by our love, by our love. We will
3. com - fort to the bro - ken, by our love, by our love. We will
1. one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
2. walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
3. work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll

to Refrain



1. pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored.
2. geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each oth-er's pride.

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go to the funeral.
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will be glad they did.

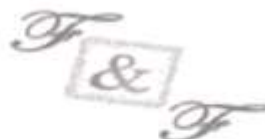
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