

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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.

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 October 11 & 25.***

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			
October 4, 2026		October 11, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

"All Creatures Of Our God And King"
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 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.

**Beloved God,
from you come all things that are good.
Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit
to know those things that are right,
and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

(please be seated)

First Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-14

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 80 responsively by half verse

- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹ You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- ¹² Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia”

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)



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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 4)

The Message *(please be seated)*

Creation Care Litany

Leader: In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth

All: **We thank you, creator God**

Leader: God made humankind to shepherd and care for all creation

All: **We thank you, creator God**

Leader: You gave us food in due season

All: **We thank you, creator God**

Leader: You gave us water for refreshment and life

All: **We thank you, creator God**

Leader: You gave us each other for joy and service

All: **We thank you, creator God**

Leader: For your extravagant generosity

All: **We thank you, creator God**

Leader: Nurturing God, give us the wisdom to see your love in all things

All: **Compassionate God, hear our prayer**

Leader: Give us the grace to accept the diversity of all creation

All: **Compassionate God, hear our prayer**

Leader: Give us the humility to realize that we are not your only creation

All: **Compassionate God, hear our prayer**

Leader: Give us the courage to speak for that which cannot speak

All: **Compassionate God, hear our prayer**

Leader: To defend that which speaks only to you

All: **Compassionate God, hear our prayer**

Leader: Good Shepherd, give us compassion that we may tend to all your flock

All: **In your great love for us, hear us, most merciful God**

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 in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/8 time. The score consists of four staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The second staff has a measure rest of 4 measures. The third staff has a measure rest of 8 measures. The fourth staff has a measure rest of 12 measures. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem: (10AM Service)

“How Can You Not”

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Jeff Sojka, Jessie Early and Leanna Crawford



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)

"All Things Bright And Beautiful"

Shaw, arr. Jacobsen

"For The Beauty Of The Earth"

Kocher, arr. Kingsmore

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:

"Cornerstone"

(see page 9)

(10AM Service)



1. O Fa - ther you're faith - ful in ev - er - y age, a -
 2. The seed that you plant - ed with - in all our hearts will
 3. When winds come to shake us and waves knock us down when

cross ev - ery cul - ture and land. You call to your peo - ple in
 flour - ish and grow hun - dred - fold. Save us from the thorns and the
 com - fort - ing times seem so few. Show us your di - vine love and

hope to re - store our lives which we built on fool's sand. All
 shal - low hard ground. Sow us in the earth that will hold.
 give us the hope to stand firm and stead - fast in you.

things will pass a - way save you our rock and strength. _____

You are the cor - ner - stone, _____ the rock on

which we stand. _____ You are the cor - ner - stone; we

build our lives in your hands. _____



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
2. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for your
3. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un - folds your bless-ings
4. All you with mer - cy in your heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers,



1. let us sing: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
2. Lord to hear, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Fire so in - tense and
3. on our way, O _ praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! All flow'rs and fruits that
4. take your part, O _ sing now! Al-le - lu - ia! All you that pain and



1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
2. fierce - ly bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him!
3. in you grow, Let them his glo - ry al - so show: O praise him!
4. sor - row bear, Praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him!



- 1-4. O praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Text: LM with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; *Laudato sia Dio mio Signore*;
tr. by William H. Draper, 1855–1933, alt. Music: *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.



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No one wants to
go to the funeral.
But everyone
will be glad they did.

*Some things change.
Some things don't.*

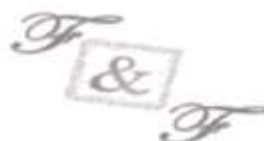
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