

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning** Standing On the Promises No. 838

*Benediction

Postlude

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

March 10, 2024

Sunday Order of Worship

11:00 AM

**We are a community of believers, sharing God’s love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

The marks of this life are:

Pray daily;

Worship weekly;

Enjoy spiritual friendships;

Read and study the Scriptures;

Engage in service in and beyond the church;

Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and

Practice generosity with one’s time, talent, and money

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Prayer of Preparation

Holy and loving God, as we worship You today, we long for Your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For hearing or sight impaired worshipers:** Sound Enhancement Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

Minute for Mission

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.
People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.
Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.
People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!
Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice! —based on Isaiah 43:19-21

*Hymn of Praise How Great Thou Art No. 625

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, You despise nothing You have made, and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Grace

Those who love Me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know My name. When they call to Me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them My salvation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
—based on Psalm 91:14-15, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson **Numbers 21:4-9** Pew Bible page 111
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson **John 3:1-21** Pew Bible page 750
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon **Lifted Up** Dr. Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day Great God of Every Blessing No. 694

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**
I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Prayer of Intercession Stacy Kenyon

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving