*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

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn of Commissioning My Shepherd Will Supply My Need No. 803

*Benediction

Postlude

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Good Shepherd Presbyterían Church

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.

March 23, 2025 Worship Service 11:00 am

* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but Your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow Your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify Your name and enjoy Your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, 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 sight impaired worshipers**: Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers**: We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

People: Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

Leader: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

People: God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us His holy purpose.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

-based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24

*Hymn of Praise How Lovely Lord No. 402

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord, You desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Send out Your light, send out Your truth, and let them lead us to our home. Take from us the weight of our sin, that room might be made for the spirit of truth. If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us, and the truth will set our spirits free. Then shall we love not only in word or in speech; then shall we love in deed and in truth, and by this know that our service is faithful. O Lord, You desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Grace

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

-based on Ezekiel 36:26: 2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV

*Hymn of Preparation O Savior, in This Quiet Place No. 794

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 119:167-176 Pew Bible page 440

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 15:1-32 Pew Bible page 740

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Lost and Found Rev. Weekley

Anthem

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed

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 on 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. Amen

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Joanne Folger

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory