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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

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn of Commissioning Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory No. 354

*Benediction

Postlude

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Special Thanks Today:
Lay Leader: Karen Pirkle
Usher: David Diener

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Mike Thorpe – Worship
Jim Anderson – Nominating
Whitney Duncan – Preschool
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Class of 2026
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Karen Pirkle – Faith Formation
David Diener - Worship
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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 6, 2025
Order of Worship

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.

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

Prayer of Preparation

O God, You pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship You in spirit and truth. 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.

People: “He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”

Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead.

People: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing Him in our hearts, confessing Him with our mouths, worshipping Him in spirit and in truth.

*Hymn of Praise This is My Song No. 340

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, for we have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To You belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy. On the ground of Your great mercy in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen. —based on Daniel 9:4-19

*Assurance of God’s Grace (Unison)

By true faith in Jesus Christ, I am right with God and heir to life everlasting. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.
—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 59-

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Matthew 17:5 Pew Bible page 694

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson John 1:35-51 Pew Bible pages 750-751

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon Disciples Journey - Listeners Dr. Russ Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day Just a Closer Walk with Thee No. 835

*Affirmation of Faith from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 32, 34

I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in His anointing. I am anointed to confess His name, to present myself to Him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity. We call Him “our Lord” because— not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood— He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be His very own.

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