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**Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer**

Karen Pirkle

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**The Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology No. 606**

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**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:** Daron Harris

**Tina Wright – Clerk of Session**

**Cindy Hurst – Treasurer**

**Class of 2025**

Dave Lux – CRT\*

Corey Duncan – Faith Formation

Mike Thorpe - Worship

\*CRT-Congregational Resources Team

**Class of 2026**

Matt Clofine – CRT\*

Karen Pirkle – Faith Formation

Dorothy Pettay - Personnel

Chris Calia – Mission

**Class of 2027**

Lee Wolfe - Preschool

Cindy Hurst - Nominating

Darron Harris – Worship



*Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church*

**Sunday, July 5, 2026**

**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.**

July 5, 2026

**Worship Service**

11:00 am

\* 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 worshippers. **For sight impaired worshippers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshippers:** 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**

My Country Tis of Thee

No. 337

**\*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**

**Psalm 23**

Pew Bible page

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Scripture Lesson**

**Genesis 15:1-18**

Pew Bible page

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*America the Beautiful*  
Sheila Yarn – Soloist

**Sermon**

**God's Big Story**

Rev. Jeff Davis

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn of the Day**

Lover of My Soul

No. 440

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 32, 34

**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.**

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