

Order of Celebration

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Sharing the Life of the Church

Please complete the Communication Card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request, fill out a prayer card that will be collected during the first song.

Centering Music and Service of Lights

Special Announcement

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! The Lord's name be praised.

All: Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind. Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140

A time of confession

Leader: The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession:

All: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Leader: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God. Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

Gospel Lesson Luke 6: 20 - 31 pg 1253

Epistle Lesson II Timothy 1: 1 - 14 pg 144

Message Passing the Test of Faith

OUR RESPONSE

Offering Invitation

"Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being. In the company of the upright, let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we have received."

Offertory Music

*Doxology UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedication Prayer

"O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are one, that life is undivided. Use these gifts for your church's ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. Amen."

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*Hymn My Hope Is Built UMH 368

Benediction

Pastor: God has shown us what is good. And what does the Lord require of us?

All: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

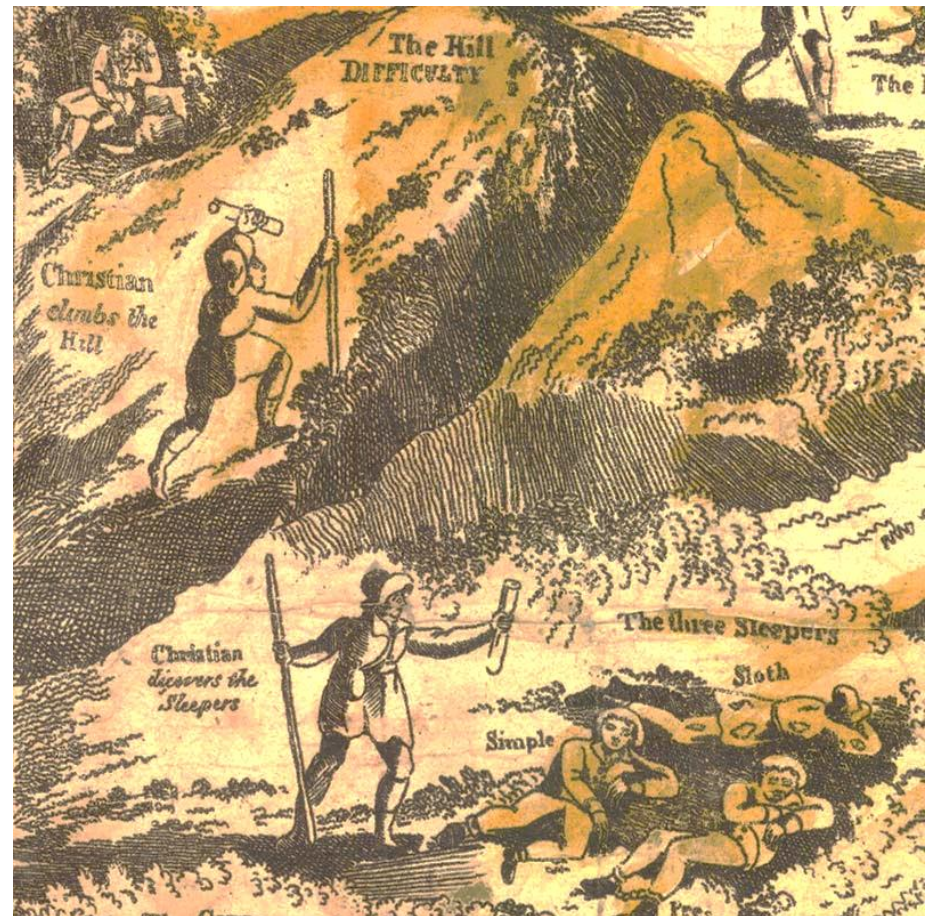
Postlude

Please join us for Coffee & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall

*Please stand as you feel comfortable

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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