

# 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

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

\*Hymn                      Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise                      UMH 103

A Time of Confession and Assurance

Leader: In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. *Together let us confess our sin:*

All: Most gracious and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear these words of assurance: 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

Old Testament Lesson                      Psalm 123                      pg 766

Epistle Lesson                      II Corinthians 12: 7 -10                      pg 1415

Message                      Redefining Life

## OUR RESPONSE

Hymn                      Father, I Adore You                      TFWS 2038

Offering Invitation

As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.

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

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. All that we are and all that we have are a trust from you. Bless these gifts for your service. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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. And 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                      Here I am, Lord                      UMH 593

\*Taking the Light to the World

**\*Benediction**

Pastor: We leave this place to bear witness to Christ in faithfulness to the Scriptures, in harmony with the church of the ages, and in unity with all Christ's people.

All: **May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing.  
Amen.**

**Postlude**

Please join us for Coffee, Cake & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall

*\*Please stand as you feel comfortable*

## **Good Shepherd United Methodist Church**

November 17, 2019



I'm all right with **WeakNeSS**, **insults**, **DISAsTERS**,  
**stressful situations** for the sake of **CHRIST**,  
because when I am **WEAK**, then I am **strong**.

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