



*Be strong and courageous...  
for the Lord your God goes with you.*  
Deuteronomy 31:6

## *Graduation Sunday*

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
June 6, 2021 10:30 am Order of Worship

Prelude: *Cantabile*, I. Muller

Dr. Larisa Soboleva, Music Director

Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 29, Isaiah 6

Worship Leader

Leader: People of God, enter this place with thanksgiving and praise,

**People: for the Lord is good.**

Leader: Come and rejoice, sing glory to God,

**People: for the Lord is good.**

Leader: Remember, the steadfast love of God endures forever,

**People: for the Lord is good.**

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

**Gracious God, you create life from the earth on which we dwell and breathe into it new life and meaning. Graciously you empower us with knowledge and skills to aid one another as we live out our life on this earth. Bless our gathering this day as we recall your grace and kindness to these young lives and celebrate the endings and beginnings of the opportunities you provide. Empower us all to live lives worthy of the callings you offer, that we may strengthen one another and your creation as we walk together with you through this life. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #89  
Kathy Lewis and Jan Woods sing

Listen as Carol Ghenic, Linda Gottron,

Scripture: Matthew 6:31-34

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *If Jesus Were the Commencement Speaker*

Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Offertory: *Through Deepening Trial*, G. Careless

Doxology Hymnal #95

Listen as Carol, Linda, Kathy and Jan sing

Recognition of Graduates

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again**

Leader: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (*God*), now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision* #451

Listen as Carol, Linda, Kathy and Jan sing

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude: *Benediction*, L. Wely

Announcements

**June Food Pantry shopping list:**

liquid laundry detergent

64 oz. grape or apple juice

ground coffee

We would appreciate your help in restocking our shelves with any of these items, plus your paper shopping bags.

**Thursday Adult Bible Study** resumes in the Fall 2021 after Labor Day.