



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
September 5, 2021 10:30 am Order of Worship

Prelude: Igor Korokhov, Guest Pianist

Greeting

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 125) Worship Leader

Leader: We gather here to worship God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: We gather surrounded by God's Holy Spirit, who encourages us to walk faithfully with Christ.

Leader: Praise be to God, whose goodness and mercy fill our days.

People: Praise be to God, whose ways lead to peace and justice.

Opening Prayer Worship Leader

God of abundant life, you want the best for your people around the globe. You bring healing, wholeness, and new life to all your children. On this day, may our eyes be open to the presence of Christ in one another. May our ears be open to the needs of our community. May our hands be open to serve the forgotten. And may our hearts be open to receive your Holy Spirit along this journey of faith. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West* #548 Listen as the choir sings

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37 Worship Leader

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

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: *He Sighed* Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Offertory Music:

Doxology Hymnal #95

Listen as the choir sings

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: *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #454

Listen as the choir sings

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude:

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Collecting school supplies continues for Julie Bard's 1st graders. List of items/sign-up sheet at back of sanctuary.

Rally Day is Sunday, September 12, 2021 including a catered hot brunch following worship. Please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet.

Adult Bible Study resumes Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 4:00 pm with Rev. Steve Perrine in person and on Zoom. Request the link if you are joining online.

Friday, September 17, 2021 **Games Night** in the lounge with pizza and refreshments. Games and cards provided, or bring a favorite. Sign-up sheet at back of sanctuary.

Send your articles for the next **newsletter to Heather in the church office.**

September Food Pantry shopping list: canned soup, canned tuna, pasta

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