



## *Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

November 12, 2023 10:30 am Order of Worship

Prelude: *Prelude*, A. Guilmant

Dr. Larisa Soboleva, Music Director

Greeting

Call to Worship (Joshua 24, Psalm 78)

Worship Leader

Leader: God is from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: The Holy One inhabits all eternity and everything that is, or was, or ever will be.**

Leader: God is the source, guide, and goal of our lives.

**People: We acknowledge God as the center of our lives and of our world, not ourselves.**

Leader: We come today to worship God.

**People: We come with thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us humble ourselves before God's holy presence.

**People: May God teach us the ways of life as we pray.**

Hymn: *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* #117

congregation may sing\*

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

**Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord.**

**Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us.**

**Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen.**

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3a, 24-25; Matthew 25:1-13

Worship Leader

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

## **People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon: *Getting Ready For the Wedding*

Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Offertory: *Gnossienne No. 2*, E. Satie

Doxology hymnal #95

congregation may sing\*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *I Want to Be Ready* #722

congregation may sing\*

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude: *On Eagle's Wings*, M. Joncas

\*stand as able

### Announcements

**Men's breakfast** is Monday, November 13, 2023 at 9:00 am at Leon's Family Dining at 23830 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

**Women's breakfast** is Thursday November 16, 2023 at 9:30 am at Leon's Family Dining at 23830 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

**Thursday Bible Study** continues at 4:00 pm with Rev. Steve Perrine in person and on Zoom.

**November Engage Mission** is Cass Community Social Services CCMM #3005, check payable to Good Shepherd UMC.

**Food Pantry** needs are canned vegetables, canned fruit and cereal.

**Women's Tuesday book study** on hiatus until January 2024 when the next book will be *Two Steps Forward* by Sharon Garlough Brown about persevering in hope.