



SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

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CHOIR DIRECTOR	Jonathan Tatar
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC	Jon Conover and ReBorn
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING: Online giving is available and is appreciated as we will still have our regular operating costs and bills. Please mail in your giving to P.O. Box 695 5 W. Washington St. Oswego IL 60543 or use our E giving for online giving <https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/goodshepherdoswego> which can also be found on our website under the giving tab. ~ Thank you!

LIBRARY NEWS: There are free one-year devotional books and a few free books on the library stand. Take them for yourself or as a gift for someone else.

MEN'S LUNCH: The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at No. 1 China Buffet, 684 W. Veterans Pkwy, Yorkville on Wednesday, January 15th at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH: Join us for Fellowship Brunch at 9:30am NEXT Sunday, January 19th.

PRAYER CHAIN LEADERSHIP: *Many thanks to Diane Clodi for her heartfelt and dependable leadership of our Prayer Chain these past two years. This position will now be handled by Pat Rogerson who can be contacted for prayer needs by phone 630-220-1649 or email prayerchaingoodshepherd24@gmail.com*

Thanks to Pat for her willingness to help us stay connected in faith as we move into this new year. ~Pastor Steve



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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

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1st Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME! We are happy you came to worship with us today. If you would like to join our mailing list please subscribe on our website. www.goodshepherdoswego.org

PRELUDE *Salute the Happy Morn* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to God all glory and strength.

People: We will ascribe to God the glory of God's name.

Leader: Let us worship God in holy array. +

SONG OF PRAISE

Come to the River

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

People: "Hear our prayer"

HYMN

Praise to the Lord

PRAYER OF PRAISE

You speak, O God, and the oceans tremble, their waters crest in waves that dash upon the shore. You speak and the heavens open; thunder signals the rains that freshen the earth. You breathe and the leaves shudder, the trees of the forest bow to your majesty. You speak and the Spirit descends on your people; we ascribe to you all glory as we worship your name. **Amen** +

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM: *My Hope is Built* Jonathan Tatar

SCRIPTURE: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, *Mark 10:35-45 Laura Galindo

SERMON: *Come Again in the Spring (a story by Richard Kennedy)* Rev. Steve Good

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

HYMN *God be with You til We Meet Again*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

Let Go music and lyrics by Jon Conover

Salute the Happy Morn. Written by John Wainwright, arranged by Robert J. Hughes.

Be Thou My Vision a traditional Irish melody, ("Slane") attanged by Lani Smith

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."