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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!

PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY LAND: The **Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem** is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: MLO - Jerusalem's Update and Prayers Every Wednesday at 1:00 PM US Midwest. Join our Zoom Meeting on Wednesdays. See the Eblast or email the office for the link.

BOOK CLUB: This month's book is **The Measure** by Nikki Erlick. We will meet at Nancy Patush's house on Tuesday April 30th at 1:00 P.M. We welcome new members. Please join us! See Judy McGregor or Nancy Patush with questions.

ACE: The **Adult Christian Education** class will start a new study on April 14th at 9:30 am in the Meditation Room entitled *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*. Light. Join us as we watch the DVD that goes along with this study and then discuss the ideas presented by the author. Questions, contact Janet McCarty, the leader.

ORNAMENTS FOR SALE: Window Ornaments are for sale now by emailing the church office, and on Sundays in the Gathering room between services. Many of the ornaments make Beautiful Easter Decor: the Angels, the Lambs, the Cross and Cown, the Doves, and The Good Shepherd. Each image is a symbol of our faith in The Lord Jesus Christ. Proceeds from these sales help support The Church of the Good Shepherd mission, ministries and operations. Thank you for your support.

MEN'S LUNCH: The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at George's Family Restaurant, 110 Webster St., Montgomery on Wednesday, April 17th at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.



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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

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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 *Thine is the Glory* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

People: Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.

Leader: O God, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

People: O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer. +

SONG OF PRAISE *He'll Light the Way* Reborn

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

People: "Hear our prayer"

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Author of life, you have given us breath to praise you, eyes to behold your mercy, and words to proclaim your abiding love. Breathe upon us the promised Holy Spirit, that our minds may be opened to your wisdom and our tongues may boldly declare that you alone are God, through Jesus Christ our Savior. +

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE *Revive Me* Reborn

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, *Luke 24:13-35 Laura Galindo

SERMON: *Now What?* Rev. Steve Good

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE *Chain Breaker* Reborn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *He Touched Me* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk [When We Gather](#)

Thine is the Glory written by Handel and arranged by Benton Price
He'll Light the Way words and music by Jon Conover
Revive Me words and music by Jon Conover
He Touched Me composed by William Gaither
Chain Breaker by Jonathan Smith, Mia Fieldes, Zach Williams
2015 Anthems of Hope (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)
Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)
Cashagamble Jet Music (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)
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Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Acts 2:36-41

“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.