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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!

**The ACE Class** has a study based on Max Lucado’s book, *Fearless*. *Fearless* draws from Jesus’ encounters with people in frightening situations giving evidence that we can trust God through these scary times. In six sessions, Max takes a close look at our greatest fears and offers scripturally based reassurance and guidance through even the toughest moments of our lives. Join us in the Meditation Room at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Having a copy of the book would be helpful.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Save the date- February 14<sup>th</sup>. We have been invited again to share Ash Wednesday worship with Rev. Tedd Steele and our brothers and sisters at Trinity UMC in Yorkville (2505 Boomer Lane).

**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, February 21st at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.



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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

**January 21, 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.goodshepherdoswego.org)*

PRELUDE	<i>Salut the Happy Morn</i>	Cheryl Todd
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## WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.

**People: God only is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God.

**People: Our trust is in God. We worship God's name. +**

SONG OF PRAISE                      *A Place Called Faith*                      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

You are our rock and our strength, O God, and in you rests our deliverance. You defend us in the midst of adversity; you protect us from ultimate harm. You humble the mighty with acts that manifest your transcendent power; the lowly you comfort with your tender embrace. We gather this day, saved by your mercy. Hear now our praises as we herald your greatness **Amen.** +

## WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE                      *What a Beautiful Name*                      Reborn

SCRIPTURE: Ruth 2:1-13, \* Ephesians 2:11-18

SERMON: *How Big is God's Family* Rev. Steve Good

## WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE                      *Your Grace Finds Me*                      Reborn

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

*Let Go* words and music by Jon Conover

*A Place Called Faith* Words and music by: Jon Conover

*What a Beautiful Name* by Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood 2016 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

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## Ruth 2:1-13

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband’s side, a prominent rich man of the family of Elimelech whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose sight I may find favor.” She said to her, “Go, my daughter.” So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you.” They answered, “The LORD bless you.” Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “To whom does this young woman belong?” The young man who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, ‘Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.’ So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now without resting even for a moment.”

Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.” Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?” But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!” Then she said, “May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants.”

## Ephesians 2:11-18

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.