



## SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

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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!

**HOLY WEEK:** Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>- Maundy Thursday 7pm in Fellowship Hall.  
Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Wellspring UMC  
1217 Wolf Rd, Oswego.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next selection will be *We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza. We will be discussing it on Tuesday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Nancy Patush's home. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Explore the books related to the Easter season on display in the church library. These books are available to be checked out by anyone attending our church.

**VBS:** June 9-12! Registration is now open. \$10 per child ages pre-k to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are encouraged to volunteer. See Rachel Conover with any questions.

[https://vbapro.events/p\\_early/discovery2025](https://vbapro.events/p_early/discovery2025)

**BURRITOS ARE BACK!** The UWFaith will take Burrito orders April 6-April 20. Burritos will be \$3.50 each. We will have Eggs & Bacon, Eggs and sausage, Beef, and Chicken available to order. Checks can be made out to United Women in Faith. Frozen Burritos will be ready

for pick up on Sunday, May 3. You can place an order via email as well

@ [sharmomich@gmail.com](mailto:sharmomich@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are still looking for substitute teachers in case our teachers. If you are able to help out when needed, please contact Ruth

[gssundayschool1@gmail.com](mailto:gssundayschool1@gmail.com)

**MEN'S LUNCH:** The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Lucky Ou Buffet, 684 W. Veterans Pkwy, Yorkville on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.

**GRADUATES:** If you wish to celebrate a 2025 High School, College, or Trade graduate, please notify the office by April 21<sup>st</sup> so we may acknowledge them during services.



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Online Worship Service**  
**April 13, 2025**

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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

**April 13, 2025**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*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)*

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PRELUDE *Hosanna!* Joyful Noise Handbells

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WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good, your steadfast love endures for ever!

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give God thanks.**

Leader: Let us worship God. +

SONG OF PRAISE *Who You Say I Am* 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 CONFESSION

**God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ's name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace, that we may repent. We are prone to call on you to satisfy our needs; we practice obedience without cost to our comfort. Forgive our leisurely approach to your sacrifice for us as Christ intercedes on our behalf. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear Paul's words when he reminds us to "have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, being found in human form. . . humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross." As we confess Jesus Christ as Savior, God is just and forgives our sin. Therein lies our assurance.

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE *So Far So Close* Reborn

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, \* Luke 19:28-40 Rev. Steve Good

SERMON: *Have You Turned Your Back on Jesus?*

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE *This Hungry Soul* Reborn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We Gather Together* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk [When We Gather](#)

*Let Go* music and lyrics by Jon Conover

*Hosanna!* Arranged by Larry Biser

*Who You Say I Am* by Ben Fielding, Ruben Morgan

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*So Far So Close* by Jon Conover

*This Hungry Soul* by: Jon Conover

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* composed by Melchior Teschner and arranged by Roger Wilson

## Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

## Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”