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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!

NEW WORSHIP TIMES: **We have new worship times on Sunday mornings. Our traditional service begins at 8:30 and our contemporary service is at 10am.**

BLANKET SUNDAY: Sunday, October 5th. A special offering will be taken to support Church World Service Blanket mission. The CWS Blankets program is all about sharing love. Through this simple act of generosity and kindness, we can make a difference in the lives of those in need.

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.

FALL CRAFT BAZAAR: Saturday, November 2 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EVERYONE is invited to donate. If you are a knitter, crocheter, painter, woodworker, quilter, seamstress, photographer, maker of jams, jellies, relishes, or any other form of crafter – We need you!

HANDBELLS: The handbells are in need of more ringers. Training will be provided if needed. Please contact Cheryl Todd at cheryljtodd@sbcglobal.net or by phone: 630-554-2102 if you are interested.

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH: Is back and is the 2nd Sunday of the month. Our next brunch will be October 13th at 9:30am.

TRUNK or TREAT returns Saturday, October 26th. See Rachel Conover if you are able to help out in any way.



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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 *Give Thanks* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear my voice, O God, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

People: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, O God, will I seek.

Leader: O tarry and await God's pleasure; be strong and God shall comfort your heart. Let us worship God .+

SONG OF PRAISE *10,000 Reasons* 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 do not tarry, O God of all goodness, to show us your favor. You hasten to hear us whenever we call. Bathed in the brightness of your radiant love for us, we can see clearly your care for creation. Through Christ, now open our eyes to the splendor of your redeeming judgment; by the Spirit continue to lead us to behold your dazzling grace. We worship you—God, Christ, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity forevermore.

Amen. +

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE *Goodness of God* Reborn

SCRIPTURE: James 5:13-20, * Luke 16:1-13 Jessie Livingston

SERMON: *Beyond the Stained-Glass* Rev. Steve Good

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE *Soul on Fire* Reborn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise Ye the Father* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

Give Thanks composed by Henry Smith and arranged by Douglas Wagner

Praise Ye the Father by Charles Gounod and arranged by Dorothy Wells

10,000 Reasons by Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

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Soul on Fire by Brenton Brown, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark Lee, Matt Maher, Tai Anderson

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James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."