



## 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!

**JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Sunday morning Joys and Concerns may be submitted to the office for Pastor Steve to lift up in prayer on Sunday mornings. You may leave them on voicemail or email us. 630-554-3269 or [www.goodshepherdoswego.org](http://www.goodshepherdoswego.org)

**If you would not like your Joy or concern mentioned publicly and or you are in need of Pastoral care, you may still leave it and ask to not be mentioned.**

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Begins today.** Would you like to study something a little different this **Lenten Season**? Join us for a five-week study based on the favorite hymn, **How Great Thou Art**. This hymn has been recorded over 1700 times, including ones by Elvis Presley, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Roy Rogers and George Beverly Shea. The version we know was written by Stuart K. Hine based upon a poem by the Swedish pastor Carl Gustav Boberg, who was inspired by a sudden violent storm whilst out walking one day...and the rest is (interesting) history! The Zoom 10 am Sunday morning study will start on February 28<sup>th</sup> led by Janet McCarty. Contact her at [jmmccarty70@gmail.com](mailto:jmmccarty70@gmail.com) for a copy of the online study.

**Pastor's Lenten Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount:** It is not too late to join in! Lent is traditionally a season where we follow the footsteps of Jesus to study and emulate his teachings as a vital part of the Christian journey. Pastor Steve will facilitate a 6 week virtual class on **Monday nights at 7 pm from February 22 through March 29.** The class will read and reflect on the book *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. A brief video will be included. You are invited to go online to purchase your book through sites such as Cokesbury or Amazon. Please sign up by contacting the church office and supplying your email address so a Zoom link can be sent to you before the first class. Contact Pastor Steve with questions [pastor@goodshepherdoswego.org](mailto:pastor@goodshepherdoswego.org)

**KIDS! SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK! IN PERSON:** Sunday School has missed you and we want to see your faces! On a limited basis we will be having one hour long Sunday School classes following strict Covid-19 Guidelines. Our first Sunday School event will be held on **February 28th from 10-11 am.** Space is limited so make sure to sign up soon to reserve your spot! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080549A4A92FA02-sunday>

If you have any questions feel free to contact me, Ruth Frey- [dozygit@gmail.com](mailto:dozygit@gmail.com)



# Choose Life

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 28, 2021**

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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

**February 28, 2021**  
**2<sup>nd</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 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* Cheryl Todd

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WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to God, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to God, sing praises to God, tell of all God's wonderful works!**

Leader: Glory in God's holy name. Let us worship God. +

SPECIAL MUSIC *I'll Fly Away* Tom Hartnett

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

**We glory in our holy name, O God; we marvel at your wondrous works. You gathered a nation around you and called it blessed. You spared not your own Son, but sent him in the midst of a people to redeem them from sin. We gather this day to bear witness to your majesty. Our hearts rejoice in the promise of your covenant of love; our souls are cleansed by your mercy. Our bodies rise to bless your name; our voices sing your praises. +**

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC *Once and for All* Olivia Ports

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Mark 8:31-38 Sharlene Momich

SERMON: *Choose Life* Pastor Steve Good

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SPECIAL MUSIC *He'll Light the Way* Jon Conover

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rock of Ages* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure* by Johann Cruger. Arranged by Roger Wilson.

1967 The Lorenz Corporation (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

*Once and for All* music & lyrics by Lauren Ashley Daigle, Paul Brendon Mabury, Paul Duncan  
2014 CentricSongs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Flychild Publishing (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC), So Essential Tunes (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

Annie and Clyde Music

*I'll Fly Away* words & music: 1932 Hartford Music Company, Renewed 1960 Albert E. Brumley & Sons (Admin by Clearbox Rights, LLC)

*He'll Light the Way* by Jon Conover

*Rock of Ages* by Augustus Montague Toplady, Thomas Hastings

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## Readings: NIV

### Genesis 17:1-7

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

### Genesis 17:15-16

God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

### Mark 8:31-38

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."