

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
Summer Sabbath Worship
July 25, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: From near and far we gather;
All: the house of God is our home.
One: Here we are no longer strangers;
All: in the body of Christ we are one.
One: Let us worship God.

***Songs of Praise** (on tables)

All Things Bright and Beautiful
I've Got Peace

A Journey Prayer (in unison)

Jesus, our companion, who walks with us on our way,
open our eyes to see you in the face of our neighbor,
open our ears to hear you in the voices around us,
open our mind to know you through your Word,
open our arms that we may embrace you,
open our heart that we may love you. Amen.

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Old Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

A Sermon Around Tables

A Time for Everything

Rev. Bill Davis

Musical Response

Secure Yourself

Bill Davis, Fred Finke, and Marsha Morton

Responding to the Word

A Litany for the service of the years (on back)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** Abide With Me

***Charge and Benediction**

***Passing of the Peace**

A Litany for the service of the years

One: Living God, you gave gifts to your people, that they might serve you and praise you.

All: Help us to use well our gifts in your service, so that your name might be praised.

One: You saw the faith of Noah's years, and you blessed him and his family with your promise of hope and new beginnings.

All: Give us Noah's trust in your way, even when all around seems hopeless.

One: You called Abram when he was old, and you gave him a new name and a new beginning.

All: Give us Abraham's faith in you, and call us forward to a journey of new possibilities.

One: You gave Sarah the gift of a child in her old age, so that your response might live to serve you.

All: Give us Sarah's wonder at your ways, even when your purpose doesn't fit our expectation, belief, or understanding.

One: You chose Moses and called him to a new career, when royal service and shepherding had already filled the passing years.

All: Give us Moses' response to you, and a belief that what's ahead may be ever better than what's been before.

One: You gave responsibility to Joshua, to take over when an old man had done his job.

All: Give us Joshua's belief that we can choose to learn from the wisdom of past years and make a new commitment to what is yet to come.

One: You called people like us, when they were loyal and faithful and true.

All: Give us a trust that makes us more loyal, a response that makes us more faithful, a belief in what is right and true.

One: You called people like us, when they were wise and trusting and committed.

All: Give us insight to know your wisdom, strength to trust your guidance, and hope and purpose to make our commitment with them.

One: You called people like us, when they were unsure, full of questions, overwhelmed with doubt.

All: Give us trust when we are unsure, a response even when we questions, and a belief that triumphs over doubt.

One: You called people like us, when they were old and worn out and failing.

All: Give us insight to respond to you when we are old, strength from you when we feel worn out, and hope that you can turn our failures into your purpose.

One: Living God, you gave gifts to your people, that they might serve you and praise you.

All: Help us to use our gifts in your service, so that your name might be praised.