

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

Rooted in the Word, Nourished by the Sacraments, Alive in Jesus Christ

Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd



*"I am the first
and I am the last;
besides me
there is no god."*

<http://www.goodshepherdbinghamton.org>

July 19, 2020 - Proper 11 - The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am

Welcome to Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd! We're delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for worship is here in these pages and in the Bible in the pew. If you're visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card from the rack in front of you or call the parish office (723-8032). At Good Shepherd you'll find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. You are warmly invited to Coffee Hour downstairs immediately following both morning services. Welcome!

Weekly Update, July 19, 2020

Ongoing Ministries

Tuesday Morning Bible Study This bible study meets every Tuesday morning at 9:05am to walk through different books of the bible, verse by verse. Taught by Matt Kennedy in the main room of the parish hall. This class can be viewed online each week by livestream. For more information, please contact the church office.

Women's Bible Study The Women's Bible Study meets every Saturday morning from 10 to 11AM. Women of various ages join together to study the bible, moving book by book, and verse by verse. All women are extended a warm invitation to attend. The ladies are currently studying the book of Psalms. The Psalms express so much from

Thursday Evening Beginner's Bible Study The Thursday evening bible study is a beginner's bible study that normally takes place in the green youth classroom at 6pm each week following the Shepherd's Bowl Community dinner, however it is currently being taught online. This is a great place to connect with others and learn more about what God has to say to us through his word.

Good Shepherd Member Food Pantry The Good Shepherd Member Food Pantry has food available. Please contact a member of the staff or the church office if you need access to the pantry.

Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner Each Thursday evening, Good Shepherd offers a free community dinner to all. The Shepherd's Bowl ministry seeks to give a nutritious meal to the people of Good Shepherd and the wider community. If you are able, this is a great time to get to know others in our community and

Good Shepherd Youth Group Youth Group meets on Sunday night from 6:00 – 7:30pm at Good Shepherd. All youth between the ages of 12-18 are welcome to join as the youth group continues to study the book of Romans. Please contact Tyler Van Fossen if you'd like to know how to help or be involved in the Good Shepherd Youth Group in

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study Each Friday morning, a group of men gather at 6:30am to share bible study and prayer time together. Men of any age are welcome to attend. This study is currently meeting online and in person. If you are interested in learning more about this study, please email Pastor Matt, Jonathan Groves, or contact the church

Week at a Glance Schedule

Sunday

8:00am	<u>Service of Holy Eucharist, no music</u>
9:15am	<u>Christian Ed for adults and children (online only, may be viewed in the garage viewing area on the property)</u>
10:30am	<u>Service of Holy Eucharist (indoor, online, and outdoor observance available)</u>
12:30pm	<u>Please feel free to bring your own lunch and seating, and enjoy some social time in the parking lot after the service.</u>
	Youth Group – *No Sunday meetings*

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Wednesday

6:00pm	Vestry Meeting
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Thursday

5:30pm	<u>Shepherd's Bowl Community Dinner</u>
6:00pm	<u>Beginner's Bible Study</u>

Friday

6:30am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
4:00pm	Youth boys camping trip, leaving GS at 4pm

Saturday

10:00am	Women's Bible Study
11:00am	Youth boys camping trip returns to GS at 11am

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Please Pray For...

Anglican Church of North America In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Anglican Province of Nigeria and The Rt. Rev. Henry Ndukuba, Primate of All Nigeria and his wife Angela.

Diocese of the Living Word St. George's Anglican Church, Helmetta, New Jersey • The Rev. Marc Steele (Rector Elect) • Jim Ferguson (Priest in Charge) • The Rev. Anthony Ferraro • Deacon Greg Ventura • ACNA Bishops

For the Homebound Betty Cancellieri, Francis Kochis, Mary Lindsey, Joyce Coppola, Kay Seaman, Lilian Malinak, Charles Mabula, Charles Hadley

For the Sick Peyton, Rick, Jason D., Doug & Maureen, Charles, Russ, Bill, Debbie, Bob, Hal and Carol, Joe B., Kay, Bev, Evelyn Martin, Kathy, Eileen, Fred, Andrew, Larry Dimmick, Chris, Lillian, Diane Price, Keith LaGier, Lin, Bruce

Serving at Good Shepherd this Week

Altar Guild - Christine Osgood
Shepherd's Bowl Cook – Amanda Rabineau
Shepherd's Bowl Team - Team 4
Ushers and Readers - volunteer

Serving at Good Shepherd next Week

Altar Guild - Helen Cetton
Shepherd's Bowl Cook – Martha Rice
Shepherd's Bowl Team - Team 5
Ushers and Readers - volunteer

Daily Lectionary

Morning	Evening
Monday	
Psalm 100-101 Ruth 1 Gal 5	Psalm 102 Jer 8.4-17 Mark 7.24-8.10
Tuesday	
Psalm 103 Ruth 2 Gal 6	Psalm 104 Jer 8.18-ch. 9 Mark 8.11-9.1
Wednesday	
Psalm 105 Ruth 3-4 1 Cor 1	Psalm 106 Jer 10 Mark 9.2-29
Thursday	
Psalm 107 1 Sam 1.1-2.11 1 Cor 2	Psalm 108 Jer 11 Mark 9.30-end
Friday	
Psalm 109 1 Sam 2.12-end 1 Cor 3	Psalm 110-111 Jer 12 Mark 10.1-31
Saturday	
Psalm 112-113 1 Sam 3 1 Cor 4	Psalm 114-115 Jer 13 Mark 10.32-end
Sunday	
Psalm 116-117 1 Sam 4-5 1 Cor 5	Psalm 118 Jer 14 Mark 11.1-26

What's Going on at Good Shepherd...

Happy Birthday!

July 25th Audi Woollett

Welcome! Jonathan and Angel Groves welcomed baby Sawyer Arthur Groves into the world at 7:22pm on July 5th. If you'd like to bless the Groves with a meal to help ease the transition into family life, please visit <https://takethemeal.com/meals.php?t=OSO K9705&v=54f843158b> to sign up. Welcome baby Sawyer!

Camping Trip The young men of the GS youth group are going on a camping trip on Friday, July 24th. They will be leaving from the GS parking lot at 4pm and will be returning at 11am the next day. Please pray that this would be a time of prayer and growth for these young men. Contact Tyler Van Fossen if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study The women's bible study is still paused for the time being. Please see Christine Osgood for more information.

Mission Groups All Mission Groups are on hiatus for the summer, and will resume in the fall.

Youth Group will be having Informal Gatherings throughout the month but there will not be any Sunday meetings.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

C.H.H. Perry

Opening Music

Lord We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people stand

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and hear me, *
 for I am poor and in misery.

2 Preserve my life, for I am faithful; *
my God, save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord, *
for I will call daily upon you.

4 Comfort the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For you, Lord, are good and gracious, *
and of great mercy to all those who call upon you.

6 Give ear, LORD, unto my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my humble supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you answer me when I call.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
nor are there any deeds like yours.

9 All nations that you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, *
and shall glorify your Name.

10 For you are great and do wondrous things; *
indeed, you are God alone.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; *
O knit my heart to you, that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and will praise your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your mercy toward me; *
you have delivered my life from the nethermost Pit.

14 O God, the proud have risen up against me, *
and the company of violent men have sought after my life, and have
not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord God, are full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

16 O turn then unto me, and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength unto your servant, and help the son of your handmaid.

17 Show me some token of your favor, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, *
because you, LORD, have been my helper and comforter.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:18-25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

John 16:1-7

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs

The Nicene Creed

The people stand, if able

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying,
"hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, and Julian Dobbs, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially our President, Mr. Donald Trump.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who departed this life in your faith and fear, praying you would grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

Additional petitions may be added. Thanksgivings may also be invited.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

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Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attender at Good Shepherd, you may give your tithe in several ways. There is an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary where you may drop your tithe, or you can mail checks to 360 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY, 13903. You can also give online through [Breeze](#) or you can text a donation through Breeze at 607-882-6551. Good Shepherd also has a PayPal account. If you choose to give via [PayPal](#) you can avoid fees by paying directly from your bank. Be sure to uncheck the box that says, "paying for goods and services" at the bottom or paypal will charge Good Shepherd a fee. As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.*

The Presentation of the Gifts

The People Stand

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is just and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

The people remain standing and say

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the Highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

And now, O merciful Father; in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

The people remain kneeling, and say

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The people remain kneeling and say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All Christians baptized in any denomination and in good standing with their home church are welcome to take Communion. If you are unable to take communion for any reason, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew. Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come forward.

The Invitation

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

By All Your Saints Still Striving

R.V. Williams

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people kneel.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

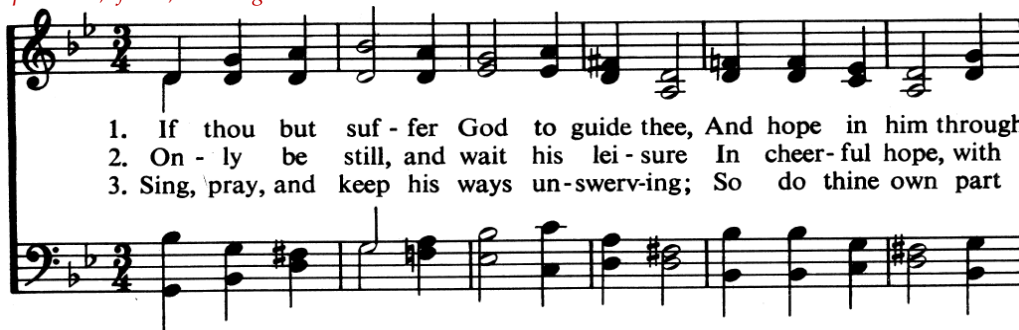
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever and ever. *Amen.*

Recessional

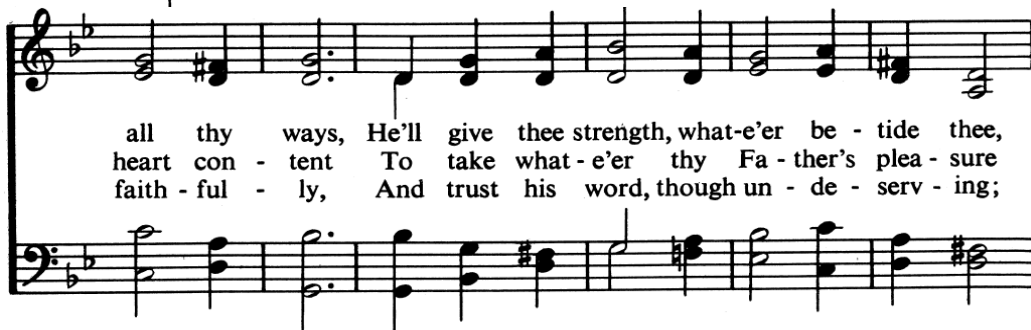
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

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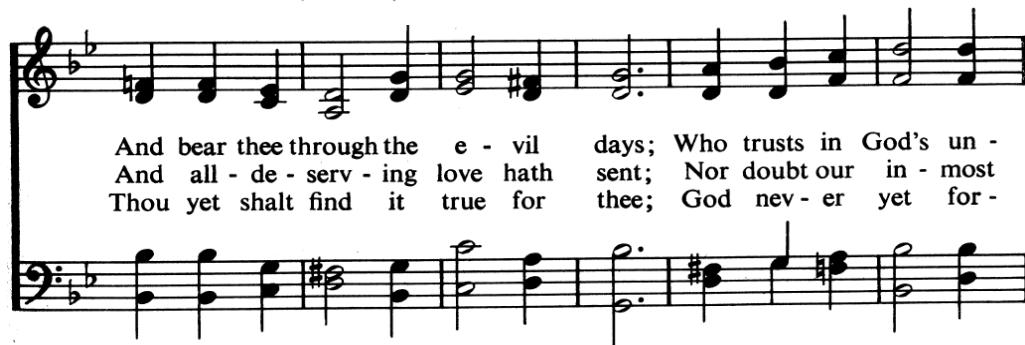
The people stand, if able, and sing



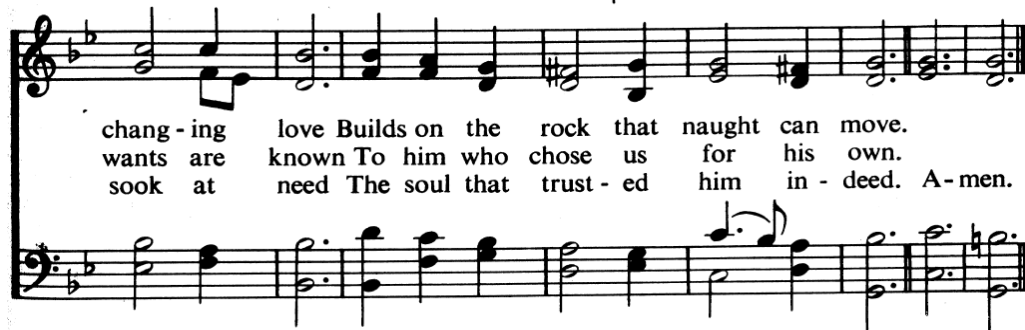
1. If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, And hope in him through
2. On - ly be still, and wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful hope, with
3. Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; So do thine own part



all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee,
heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure
faith - ful - ly, And trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;



And bear thee through the e - vil days; Who trusts in God's un -
And all - de - serv - ing love hath sent; Nor doubt our in - most
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -



chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
wants are known To him who chose us for his own.
sook at need The soul that trust - ed him in - deed. A - men.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia,
Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Allegro Molto - Sonata No. 6

J.S. Bach

Thank you for worshiping at Anglican Church of The Good Shepherd this morning!

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Confirmation

with the Laying on of Hands by the Bishop

**Micah and Amber Lovell, Benjamin and Ronica Murphy, Tyler and Ashley Van Fossen, and
Emma Kennedy**

The People stand

Bishop The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

***People* And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,

***People* And your young men shall see visions.**

Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

***People* That he is the Lord and there is none else.**

Bishop And it shall come to pass

***People* That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Joel 2:27-28, 32t; acts 2:17, 21t

The Presentation, Exhortation and Examination

Only a Bishop may confirm. The Bishop customarily sits in a chair in front of the Altar Table. The Candidates and Presenters stand facing the Bishop as their Presenters say

Presenters **Reverend Father in God, we present Micah Lovell, Amber Lovell, Benjamin Murphy, Ronica Murphy, Tyler Van Fossen, Ashley Van Fossen, and Emma Kennedy to receive the laying on of hands.**

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters **They have.**

The Bishop then says

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates

Bishop Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

Prayer and The Laying on of Hands

The Bishop stands and says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, prays

Defend, O Lord, this your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People **Amen.**

Or this

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant N.; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life.

People **Amen.**