

Good morning! As you join us for worship, we invite you to step quietly into the sanctuary and create space in your heart for the hour ahead.

Welcome *Jill Laufenberg*

Opening Canticle Steal Away *Traditional*

Opening Sentences

We spend so much of our lives moving from one thing to the next that we can forget to simply pay attention. And perhaps that is where worship begins; not with what we say or sing, but with becoming awake to the sacredness of the life we have been given.

Unison Prayer:

Loving God, May our worship become more than words we speak or songs we sing. May it become the way we move through the world; with wonder, gratitude, compassion, and love. Teach us to look at the birds. To consider the flowers. To breathe deeply. To pay attention. And in paying attention, may we discover that you have been speaking all along. Amen.

Hymn #470 Golden Breaks the Dawn

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 19:1–4 *Debrah Stradley Moore*

Moment of Silent Reflection

Take a quiet moment to breathe, to pause, and to reflect on the words of Scripture just read. This moment of silence helps prepare us to receive the message of healing and hope.

Gloria Creator (Unison) *Hymn #759*

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:26–29

Message “LOOK UP” *Jill Laufenberg*

Offertory Canticle Glory, Glory *Traditional*

Prayers of the People: *A Time of Sacred Sharing*

The Lord’s Prayer *Rich French*

Announcements & Passing of the Peace

*As you share the words, “**May the peace of God be with you,**” you may offer a handshake or simply place your hands in a prayer position; please kindly respond in whichever way you’re greeted.*

Closing Hymn #31 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Benediction

Closing Canticle This is the Day (*Hymn #84 if want to sing along*)

Thank you to our worship participants today!

Greeter: *Hank Price*

Reader: *Debrah Stradley Moore*

Prayers of the People: *Rich French*

Preacher: *Jill Laufenberg*

Tech: *Chris Chou*

Musicians:

Carol Metzker, Piano

Brandon David White, Saxophone

Announcements

THANK YOU to everyone who came out for **Grounds Day!** Our property is welcoming and well taken care of thanks to you!

Monday, September 14th, at 2 PM, the CLS Book Club will meet in the church barn, where we'll discuss the books we've read over the summer and we will also choose books we'd like to discuss in the future. This is an in-person-only event. All are welcome!

Tuesday, September 15th, Pathfinders starts back up! Meeting weekly from 12:30-2 PM. We'll be reading and discussing an abridged version of the Qur'an. Meet us on Zoom (on our website!)

Prayers over Zoom: Wednesday, September 16th, at 11 AM. Held weekly on CLS' Zoom. We pray for our community and each other. The prayer requests from CLS's prayer box are shared.

Friday & Saturday, September 18th & 19th (9 AM-1 PM): Church Barn Sale! Bring your friends and neighbors to select items that came from our Church house, basement, and barn loft...even some of our old pews! We are making room for the exciting growth of new programs, specifically, an area for creative teens in our loft. *Look on the back of the Message in Motion insert!*

Sunday, September 20th: State of the Church Meeting, 11:15-12:30: Join us in hearing where CLS is with our Strategic Plan, how your donations have been used this year, and what we are anticipating in the coming year. Lunch will be provided!



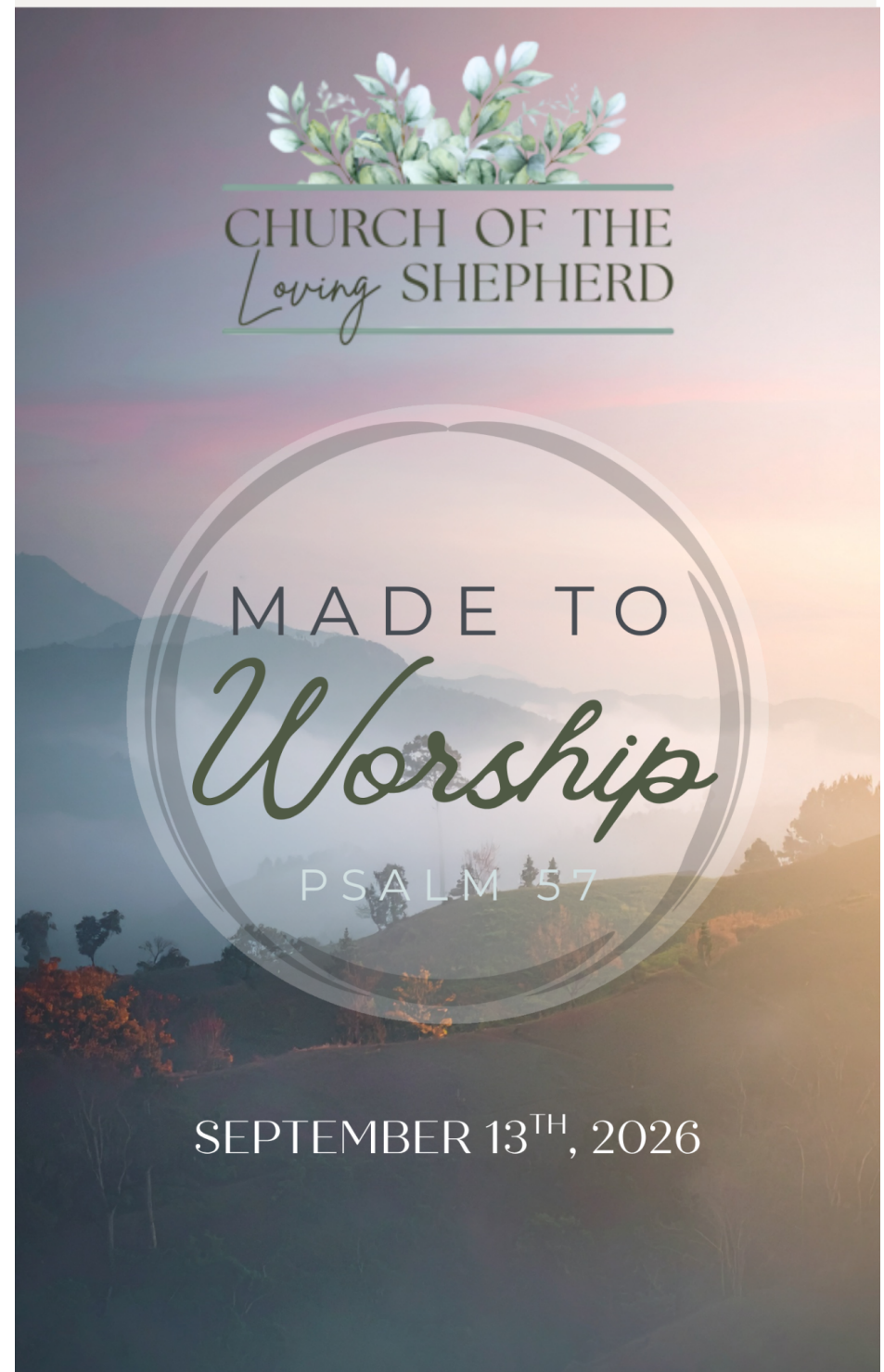
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Message in Motion

Take This With You...

What have I stopped noticing?

Is there a person, place, relationship, or gift in my life that has become so familiar that I no longer see it with wonder or gratitude?

Where is the sacred already here?

Where might I encounter something holy this week; not in a church or formal worship, but in the ordinary moments of my everyday life?

What is asking for my attention?

Is there someone who needs me to slow down and really see them? Is there something in myself, my community, or the world that I have been too distracted or busy to notice?

What might change if I treated attention as an act of worship?

How might I move differently through my day if I intentionally looked for beauty, pain, kindness, connection, and opportunities to love?

Notice what you normally overlook.

Pause where you normally hurry.

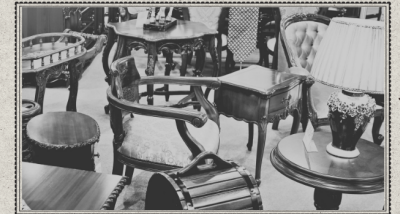
Give your attention to someone who needs to be seen.

And see if, in the ordinary moments of your life, you can discover something sacred that has been speaking all along!

CHURCH OF THE LOVING SHEPHERD

BARN SALE

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH 9AM-1PM



WHAT YOU'LL FIND:

- Furniture: Couches, tables, lamps, chairs, and more!
- Old Church pews
- Home Goods: Kitchenware, rugs, decor, and more.
- Books & Artwork

WHY YOU SHOULD COME:

- Name your price: Everything must go!
- Quality Antique Items.
- All donations support the care and upkeep of our buildings and grounds!

CASH AND DIGITAL
PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED.
PLENTY OF PARKING
AVAILABLE.

VIP

Church Members
have first dibs on
Friday, Sept. 18
until 7 PM

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