

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

March 25, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Scott Kohler, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Brad Little, Pastor Emeritus

Christy Boyd, Pianist

Greeters at Entrance: Mel Spires

Greeters in Foyer: Debbie, Jenna, and Danika Dunnett

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song #87 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Worship Psalm 31:9-10, 13-16

Leader: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.

Congregation: My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

Leader: For I hear many whispering, “Terror on every side!” They conspire against me and plot to take my life.

Congregation: But I trust in you, Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

Leader: Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#281 Lamb of God

#90 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9 Paula Dunnett

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;

I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Pastoral Prayer

Message “Preparations” (Mark 14:12-24)

Closing Hymn # 440 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

We welcome you to Worship at Gentle Shepherd Community Church this morning. We’re glad you came! Please plan to join us following the service for some refreshments and fellowship downstairs. If you are a visitor today, please sign our Guest Book in the foyer as you leave as a lasting reminder of your visit. We hope you feel as welcome as you are as part of the Gentle Shepherd family.

**Please note: Instead of collecting our offerings during the worship service, there is now an offering box at the back of the church. Our church family is invited to share in giving in this way.

Weekly Announcements

Missions and Outreach Team Challenge: During **March/April** we are collecting items to assist the GSW prepare soup packs for the Food Bank. Items required include any of the following: lentils (red or green), barley, brown rice, split peas (green or yellow), dried beans, canned tomatoes or tomato sauce, canned navy or kidney beans, beef or chicken broth, bouillon cubes or packets and/or any small sized pasta such as elbow macaroni or bow ties. These can be left in the foyer any Sunday in March or April.

Any prayer requests can be sent to Don Kerstens at djkerstens@gmail.com. If anyone would like their name included in the Prayer Chain, Please contact Don.

Do you have announcements for the bulletin? Please send submissions to Connie Crawford at conniecrawford259@gmail.com by Tuesday morning.

NO SCENTS MAKES SENSE: A number of people in our church family have allergic reactions to scents. Please be sensitive to those needs when preparing to attend worship.

Weekly Activities

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| Sunday, March 25 | 9:30 AM 10:30 AM | Sunday School Worship Service |
| Wednesday, March 28 | 10:00 AM | Bible Study at the Church |
| Friday, March 30 | 10:30 AM | Good Friday Worship Service |
| Sunday, April 1 | 9:00 AM 10:30 AM | Easter Breakfast Easter Worship Service |



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