

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

March 4, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Scott Kohler, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Brad Little, Pastor Emeritus

Christy Boyd, Pianist

Greeters at Entrance: Mel Spires

Greeters at Entrance: Jacklyn Stillman & Emily Kohler

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song #478 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 19 (selections)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Congregation: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord
are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Leader: By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who
can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

Congregation: Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then
I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#257 What Wondrous Love is This

#264 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:3-14

Nora Poirier

Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? So also Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. For all who

rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.” The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Pastoral Prayer

Message “Christ Redeemed Us From the Curse”

Closing Hymn # 499 He Leadeth Me

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

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

Sunday, March 4	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
Friday, March 9	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, March 11	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service



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