

# ***Gentle Shepherd Community Church***

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

September 10, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Scott Kohler, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Brad Little, Pastor Emeritus

Christy Boyd, Pianist

**Greeters at Entrance:** Mel Spires & David Crawford

**Greeters at Entrance:** Paula & Helen Dunnett

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song:** Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

Father in heaven, how we love you; we lift your name in all the earth.

May your kingdom be established in our praises, as your people declare your mighty works.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who reigns forevermore.

**Call to Worship** Psalm 84:2, 4-5, 12

Leader: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Congregation: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Leader: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

Congregation: Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you. (NIV®)

## **Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

## **Songs of Praise**

Across the Lands

#101 Name of All Majesty

#126 Thou Art Worthy

## **Scripture Reading:**

Ephesians 1:3-14

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches

of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory. (NIV®)

## **A Message for the Children**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Message**

“Blessings of a Different Kind”

## **Closing Song**

#374 Refiner’s Fire

## **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:** For the month of September, our challenge is to collect school supplies and non-perishable school snacks.

**Christianity Explored:** This fall, we will be presenting the opportunity to participate in a seven-session study called *Christianity Explored*, which unfolds the core elements of Christianity through the Gospel of Mark. Watch for further details.

Any prayer requests can be sent to Don Kerstens at [djkerstens@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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, September 10	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Kohler Presentation on China
Thursday, September 14	7:00 PM	Outreach and Missions Team Meeting at the Church
Friday, September 15	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, September 17	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service



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