

## ***Gentle Shepherd Community Church***

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

April 1, 2018 – 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 in Foyer:** Carol Scott & Jean Ford

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song** #111 When Morning Gilds the Skies

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 25:6-9

**Leader:** On the mountain of promise the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

**Congregation:** On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

**Leader:** The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

**Congregation:** In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. (NIV®)

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

### **Hymns of Praise**

#288 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 118:14-24

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things! The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!” I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not

given me over to death. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. (NIV®)

**Ministry of Music** “The Strife is O’er”

### **A Message for the Children**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Message** “He is Going Ahead of You” (Mark 16:1-8)

**Closing Hymn** # 302 He Lives

### **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**

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We welcome you to Worship at Gentle Shepherd Community Church this morning. We’re glad you came! 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](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, April 1	10:30 AM	Easter Worship Service
Friday, April 6	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, April 8	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service



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