

# ***Gentle Shepherd Community Church***

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

April 15, 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

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song** #658 Awesome God

**Call to Worship** Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7

**Leader:** To you, Lord, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit.

**Congregation:** Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

**Leader:** Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

**Congregation:** The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. (NIV®)

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

## **Hymns of Praise**

#353 Grace Greater Than Our Sin

#357 Knowing You

#664 Thy Word

## **Scripture Reading:**

Galatians 1:11-24

Christiane Fox

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him

among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother. I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: “The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” And they praised God because of me. (NIV®)

## **A Message for the Children**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

**Message** “A Gift Regardless”

**Closing Hymn** #496 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

## **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! 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.

Donations of apple juice for after church fellowship time would be gratefully accepted.

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 15	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
Wednesday, April 18	10:00 AM	Bible Study at the Church
Friday, April 20	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, April 22	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service



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