

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

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

April 22, 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:** Adelaide, Charlotte, and Lucia Sensinger

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song** How Great is Our God

**Call to Worship** Psalm 46:8-11

**Leader:** Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

**Congregation:** He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**Leader:** He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Congregation:** The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (NIV®)

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

### **Hymns of Praise**

#502 Be Thou My Vision

#483 Take Time to Be Holy

#349 Seek Ye First

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 9:1-19

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. The Lord told

him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.” “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. (NIV®)

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

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Message** “Taking Time”

**Closing Hymn** #451 Be Still My Soul

### **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.

There will be a **Yard/Plant/Bake Sale** on **Saturday, May 26, 2018** at Victoria Hall, New Maryland. Donations are welcome and may be dropped off at Victoria Hall on Friday, May 25, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. For more information, call Jean at 450-7825.

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 22	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
Wednesday, April 25	10:00 AM	Bible Study at the Church
Friday, April 27	5:30 PM	Potluck at Sensingers'
Sunday, April 29	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service



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