

Gentle Shepherd Community Church

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

July 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: Ian & Janet Culligan

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song #68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Call to Worship Psalm 143:8-13a

Leader: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Congregation: All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Congregation: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Leader: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. (NIV®)

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymns of Praise

#277 My Savior’s Love

#109 O, How I Love Jesus

#480 Open My Eyes, That I May See

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-16

Chris Grant

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they

are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV®)

A Message for the Children

Pastoral Prayer

Message “God So Loved the World” Rev. Ross Ingram

Closing Hymn #97 Meekness and Majesty

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: Although school is out for the summer, our **Food Bank Challenge** for the summer months (**July, August and September**) is to prepare for the return to class in September by collecting school supplies and healthy snack/lunch items. Some suggestions for school supplies include pens, pencils, coloured pencils, glue sticks, two-inch binders, pocket folders, wide-lined paper, backpacks, and insulated lunch bags. Suggested lunch items are juice boxes, individual snacks, fruit cups, puddings, and nut-free granola bars. If you can help, please leave your donations in the box in the foyer of the church on Sunday morning.

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, July 22	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Friday, July 27	5:30 PM	Potluck at Kohlers'
Sunday, July 29	10:30 AM	Worship Service



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