

# *Gentle Shepherd Community Church*

“Where Truth and Love Grow Together”

July 8, 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:** Ivan & Jean Ford

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song** # 146 Glorify Thy Name

**Call to Worship** Psalm 143:1-6

**Leader:** Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

**Congregation:** Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

**Leader:** The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in the darkness like those long dead.

**Congregation:** So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.

**Leader:** I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.

**Congregation:** I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land. (NIV®)

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

### **Hymns of Praise**

#442 ’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

#476 I Need Thee Every Hour

#129 Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord

### **Scripture Reading:**

Galatians 4:21-5:1

Ross Ingram

Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise. These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in

Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written: “Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband.” Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.” Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (NIV®)

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

Tyler Horton

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Message**

“The Freedom of the Christian”

### **Closing Hymn**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

### **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:** 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](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.



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## Weekly Activities

Sunday, July 8	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Friday, July 13	5:30 PM	Potluck at Kohlers'
Sunday, July 15	10:30 AM	Worship Service

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