

Gentle Shepherd Community Church
Morning Worship
November 14, 2021

We welcome everyone to our time of worshipping God together through music, prayer, and attention to God's word. Please remember that during this time we are not able to share in congregational singing. Despite this limitation, we invite the congregation to make the words of the songs the prayers of all of our hearts.

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

This is My Father's World (Maltbie D. Babcock)

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed Be Your name

*Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be' blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

Chorus

You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the one
 who does not walk in step with the wicked
 or stand in the way that sinners take
 or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,

and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. (NIV)

New Testament Reading: John 15:1-9

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. ⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. (NIV)

Ministry of Music: Christy Boyd

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “Roots, Fruit, and Branches”

Open Our Eyes (Bob Cull)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Benediction

Go Now in Peace (Don Besig)

Go now in peace, never be afraid; God will go with you each hour of every 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.