

**Gentle Shepherd Community Church**  
**Morning Worship**  
**November 21, 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**

**Almighty God** (Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard)

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.  
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy.  
Come with your light. We cannot hide from you.

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open.  
With gratitude we raise our song to You.  
Come and fill the praises of Your people.  
In grace and truth, You make us new again.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open.  
We long for more than what this world provides.  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us.  
Your river deep floods over everything.

To you all hearts are open, Almighty God. (repeat)

**Hear the Call of the Kingdom** (Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend)

Hear the call of the Kingdom, lift your eyes to the King.  
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering  
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

*King of heaven, we will answer the call;  
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,  
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;  
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right;  
That the light of Christ may shine through us.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost;  
With the Father's compassion, in the wonder of the cross.  
Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come.  
Let the nations put their trust in Him.

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**#122 He is Exalted**

## **Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> These are the last words of David:

“The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,  
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,  
the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel’s songs:

<sup>2</sup> “The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue.

<sup>3</sup> The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me:

“When one rules over people in righteousness,  
when he rules in the fear of God,

<sup>4</sup> he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning,  
like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.’

<sup>5</sup> “If my house were not right with God,  
surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant,  
arranged and secured in every part;

surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire.

<sup>6</sup> But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns, which are not gathered with the hand.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever touches thorns uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear;  
they are burned up where they lie.” (NIV)

## **New Testament Reading: John 18:33-38**

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me.

What is it you have done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” <sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth.

Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” <sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. (NIV)

## **Ministry of Music: Christy Boyd**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon:** “Like the Brightness After Rain”

### **#318 Jesus Comes With Clouds Descending**

### **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.