

Gentle Shepherd Community Church
Morning Worship
November 7, 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

#23 All Creatures of Our God and King (St. Francis of Assisi, tr. William H. Draper)

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer (Margaret Becker and Keith Getty)

Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn.

*May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing, with Your likeness let me wake.*

Jesus, guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more.

May the treasures of the trial form within me as I go.
And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at Your throne.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 37:1-7

- ¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
- ² for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.
- ³ Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:
- ⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes. (NIV)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up

meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)

Ministry of Music: Christy Boyd

Sermon: “Encouraging One Another”

Pastoral Prayer

We Will Feast in the House of Zion (Joshua Moore and Sandra McCracken)

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh, God of Jacob be my strength.

Ev’ry vow we’ve broken and betrayed;
You are the faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

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.