

Gentle Shepherd Community Church
Morning Worship
October 31, 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

#655 Come Away From Rush and Hurry (Marva Dawn)

Across the Lands (Keith & Kristyn Getty)

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of Creation; you're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry; with a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own,
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Stuart Townend)

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 119:145-152

¹⁴⁵ I call with all my heart; answer me, LORD,
and I will obey your decrees.

¹⁴⁶ I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.

¹⁴⁷ I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.
¹⁴⁸ My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promises.
¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, LORD, according to your laws.
¹⁵⁰ Those who devise wicked schemes are near,
but they are far from your law.
¹⁵¹ Yet you are near, LORD,
and all your commands are true.
¹⁵² Long ago I learned from your statutes
that you established them to last forever. (NIV)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (NIV)

Ministry of Music: Christy Boyd

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “We Speak to God” (Luke 11:1-10)

Flourishing (Sandra McCracken)

Teach me, O God, to follow your decrees.
Give me understanding, your word I want to keep.
Direct me in the path of your commands.
For there I find delight, my will is in your hands.

*Turn my heart away from worthless things.
Preserve my life according to your ways.
Take away disgrace, You hold me in my place—flourishing.*

Fulfill your promise to the ones you love.
Within your ways we walk, for your laws are good.
Temptation loses power, my soul’s revived.
In your righteousness preserve my life.

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.