

**Good Shepherd Church
A Baptist Reformed Fellowship**

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Kiss the Son, ...blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 2:12

Gathering and Call to Worship

Congregation, what is your source of comfort and encouragement?

Our help comes from Yahweh, the maker of heaven and earth.

With joy receive these words of greeting from God:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. (Galatians 1:3,4) Amen!

Praise, O children of the Lord, praise the name of Yahweh.

Hymn 301P

I Greet My Sure Redeemer and My King

I greet my sure redeemer and my king.
You are my trust; accept the love I bring.
What pain you suffered, Jesus, for my sake;
I pray you from our hearts all cares to take.

2. You are the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place;
so come, and our whole being move, we pray;
shine on us with the light of your pure day.

3. You are the life by which alone we live
and all our substance and our strength receive.
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by your power.

4. You have the true and perfect gentleness.
You have no harshness and no bitterness.
Lord, grant to us the grace in you we see,
that we may live in perfect unity.

5. Our hope is founded on your holy word.
Our faith is built on every promise, Lord.

Grant us your peace; make us so strong and pure
that we may conquerors be, all ills endure.

Invocation

Pastor Jeff

Hymn 166P

In Awe and Wonder, Lord Our God

In awe and wonder, Lord our God,
we bow before your throne;
such holiness and burning love
are yours and yours alone.

2. Angelic spirits, night and day
adore your name on high.
Eternal Lord in majesty
you hear their ceaseless cry.

3. 'O holy, holy, holy Lord,
great God of power and might,
all-glorious in heaven and earth,
you reign in realms of light.'

4. Your holiness inspires our fear,
evokes and heals our shame;
your boundless wisdom, awesome power,
unchangeably the same.

5. Salvation comes from you alone
which we can never win;
your love revealed on Calvary
is cleansing for our sin.

6. There is no grace to match your grace,
no love to match your love,
no gentleness of human touch
like that of heaven above.

7. On earth we long for heaven's joy
where bowed before your throne,
we know you, Father, Spirit, Son,
as God, and God alone.

Text- Michael Saward

Call to Confession

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. So we come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin. Trusting in God's mercy we come boldly to his throne of grace.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Amen. Psalm 79:9

Confession of Sin –

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Word of Assurance of Pardon

In the confession of sin, we acknowledge what we have not done. But, with the assurance of pardon, God reminds us of what He has done. Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! Amen.

Then brothers and sisters, hear this Word of the Lord and rest in this truth: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:11-12)

Hymn- 776P

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my God, should die for me?
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2. What mystery here! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the highest angel tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
What mercy this! Let earth adore;
let angel minds enquire no more.
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let angel minds enquire no more.

3. He left his Father's throne above-
so free, so infinite his grace-
humbled himself in all his love
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
What mercy this, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!
What mercy this, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night:
then shone your glorious gospel ray;
I woke! The dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off; my heart was new,
I rose, went forth and followed you!
My chains fell off; my heart was new,
I rose, went forth and followed you!

5. No condemnation now I dread!
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ my own;
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We Read the Sacred Writings

Guide me in your truth and teach me; for you are the God who delivers me. All day long I have waited for you. Psalm 25:5

First Testament: Isaiah 52:1-10

Psalm 65:1-8

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:10-21

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God!***

Hymn- 369P

O What A Mystery I See

O what a mystery I see,
what marvellous design,
that God should come as one of us,
a son in David's line.
Flesh of our flesh, of woman born,
our humanness he owns;
and for a world of wickedness
his guiltless blood atones.

2. This perfect man, incarnate God,
by selfless sacrifice
destroyed our sinful history,
all fallen Adam's curse.
In him the curse to blessing turns,
my barren spirit flowers,
as over the shattered power of sin
the cross of Jesus towers.

3. By faith a child of his I stand,
an heir in David's line,
royal descendant by his blood
destined by love's design.

Fathers of faith, my fathers now!
because in Christ I am,
and all God's promises in him
to me are 'Yes, amen!'

4. No more then as a child of earth
must I my lifetime spend-
his history, his destiny
are mine to apprehend.
O, what a Saviour, what a Lord!
O, Master, Brother, Friend!
What miracle has joined me to
this life that never ends!

Praying to Our Father

We love you, Lord, for you hear our voices; you hear our cry for mercy. Psalm 116:1

Prayers of the People

We Present Our Offerings

In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to my name because my name will be great among the nations," says the LORD Almighty. Malachi 1:11

Dedication Prayer-

(in unison) – ***Kind Father in heaven, you have been so gracious to us – providing us with what we need to sustain our lives day by day. You have also made provision for our greatest need – a Savior to rescue us from our sins and bring us into your everlasting kingdom. Receive these tithes and offerings which we gladly give to you that they may promote and sustain the ministry of your church in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.***

Hymn- 178

Great Is the Gospel Of Our Glorious God

Great is the gospel of our glorious God,
where mercy met the anger of God's rod;
a penalty was paid and pardon bought
and sinners lost at last to him were brought:
*O let the praises of my heart be thine,
for Christ has died that I may call him mine,
that I may sing with those who dwell above,
adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.*

2. Great is the mystery of godliness,
great is the work of God's own holiness;
it moves my soul and causes me to long
for greater joys than to the earth belong:

3. The Spirit vindicated Christ our Lord,
and angels sang with joy and sweet accord;

the nations heard, a dark world flamed with light—
when Jesus rose in glory and in might:

Proclamation of the Word

Sermon text- Galatians 1:1-9

Sermon- “Defending the Gospel” by Wayne Conrad

Hymn – 629P

These Are The Facts As We Have Received Them

These are the facts as we have received them,
these are the truths that the Christian believes,
this is the basis of all of our preaching:
Christ died for sinners and rose from the tomb.

2. These are the facts as we have received them:
Christ has fulfilled what the Scriptures foretold,
Adam’s whole family in death had been sleeping,
Christ through his rising restores us to life.

3. These are the facts as we have received them;
we, with our Saviour, have died on the cross;
now, having risen, our Jesus lives in us,
gives us his Spirit and makes us his home.

4. These are the facts as we have received them:
we shall be changed in the blink of an eye,
trumpets shall sound as we face life immortal,
this is the victory through Jesus our Lord.

5. These are the facts as we have received them,
these are the truths that the Christian believes,
this is the basis of all of our preaching;
Christ died for sinners and rose from the tomb.

The Lord’s Table- A Gospel Proclamation

Led by Pastor Jeff Gregory

Paul reminds

For as often as *you* eat this bread and drink this cup, *you* **proclaim the Lord’s death** until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

The Institution

Minister: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of this sacrifice until he comes again. "The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant

in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

Prayer of Thanks

Gracious Father, when we were lost in the darkness of our sins,

You sent Jesus, the light of the world.

When our sins separated us from you,

You sent your Son to bring us to yourself.

When only death and damnation awaited us in the future,

You sent the Christ to give us life and eternal fellowship with you.

Our unending thanks and praise we lift up to you, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

The Memorial Declaration

All: We shall do as our Lord commands.

We proclaim that our Lord Jesus was sent by the Father into the world,

that he took upon himself our flesh and blood, and bore the wrath of God against our sin.

We confess that he was condemned to die that we might be pardoned and suffered death that we might live.

We proclaim that he is risen to make us right with God,

and that he shall come again in the glory of his new creation.

This we do now, and until he comes again.

On the Meaning of the Supper

In order to help us understand the dynamic power of the Spirit's working in our lives as we partake of Holy Communion, that is, as we break and consume the bread at the Lord's Table, and likewise drink the wine or grape juice from the cup, I want to read you some comments written by Theodore Beza, who was a close associate of John Calvin in Geneva, and share with you his understanding of how the Lord uses the ministry of the Bread and Cup to strengthen the spiritual lives of his people. Hear now some of Mr. Beza's comments:

"The office (or ministry) of Christ is to confer upon the elect all things which are necessary for their salvation...the Holy Spirit effects faith in us, which is a gift uniquely adapted and suited on our behalf for receiving Christ and accepting all his gifts."

"The bread and wine of the Lord's Supper signify very great and indeed divine realities...most of all Christ himself...In the Supper the body and blood of Christ are given to us, by clear symbols, as our true food and drink unto eternal life.

"The conjunction or joining of Christ, who is in heaven, with the signs of his body and blood on our Table, is spiritual, that is, this union is effected by the Holy Spirit. We are joined ... to Christ himself, who is in heaven, to enjoy and possess. To sum up, we say that Christ is present in the Supper spiritually.

"This is an incomprehensible mystery...which is accomplished by the Holy Spirit and received by us through the instrument of faith alone. Nevertheless, both the power of the Spirit and the efficacy of faith exceed all our perception."*

"To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!" (Eph. 3:21)

**(Beza, Theodore, A Clear and Simple Treatise on the Lord's Supper, p. 156-163)*

With these thoughts in mind, let us now approach the Table with humble gratitude, confidence, and joy.

Prayer of Humble Access

Congregation

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy. So feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may forever live in him and he in us. Amen.

Your Supper, Lord, Before Us Spread

Your supper Lord before us spread
The cup beside the broken bread
Reminds us of Your life laid down
The shameful cross the thorny crown

Your sacrifice was for our gain
To save us Lord You bore the pain
Your love is clear for all to see
Your sacrifice has set us free

In fellowship with You we feel
That You are here Your presence real
For You have risen and now live
Within our hearts new life to give

Now may the worship we know here
Remind us You are always near
Help us to live our lives each day
In love and faith O Lord we pray

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Breaking of the Bread

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and *after he* had given thanks, he broke *it* and said, "This is my body which *is* for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pouring and Drinking of the Cup

²⁵ Likewise also the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of me."

After Supper Prayer

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for enabling us to spiritually partake of your broken body and shed blood.

Evermore strengthen us in our union with you and our service in your name. Be glorified through our lives, we pray in your name. Amen.

Hymn of Mission 632P
We Have A Gospel To Proclaim

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave.

4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Benediction- *The God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

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