

**Good Shepherd Community Church
Worship Guide 21 June 2020**

We Assemble before Our God

Greeting: *Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.*

Call to Worship

*"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.*

*He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."* Isaiah 2:3

Send Your light and Your truth; let them lead me.

Let them bring me to Your holy mountain, to Your dwelling place.

Then I will come to the altar of God, to God, my greatest joy.

I will praise You ..., God, my God. Psalm 43:3-4

Hymn- Blessed Jesus at Your Word

Jesus, Master, at Your Word

Jesus, Master, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our minds and wills be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your teachings true and holy
draw us, Lord, to love you solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with the light of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
you must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open every mind and heart,
help us by your Spirit's pleading;
hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

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Invocation

Pastor Jeff Gregory

Our Declaration

Congregation

What was from the beginning,
what we have heard,
what we have seen with our eyes,
what we have observed
and have touched with our hands,

concerning the Word of life—
that life was revealed,
and we have seen it
and we testify and declare to you
the eternal life that was with the Father
and was revealed to us—
what we have seen and heard
we also declare to you,
so that you may have fellowship along with us;
and indeed our fellowship is with the Father
and with His Son Jesus Christ.
We are writing these things
so that our joy may be complete. 1 John 1:1-4 HCS

The fellowship that believers share as a result of their common union with God through Jesus Christ is expressed in life together.

We Sing to God and One Another

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up our hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.

Hymn- We Have Come into this House > Doxology

Fellowship in the Word

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 1 Timothy 4:13

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 1 Corinthians 2:13

First Testament- Malachi 3:16-18

Psalm 86 - Responsive Prayer Songsheet

New Testament- Ephesians 4:1-16

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

Fellowship in Prayer

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. Acts 1:14

Prayer concerns, intercessions and petitions with thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Fellowship in the Word

Scripture Text: Luke 16:19-31

“But Jesus told him, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’ V.31

Sermon-“Rich Man and Lazarus” By Andrew Prout

Prayer

Hymn- And Will the Judge Descend

And will the Judge descend?

And must the dead arise,

and not a single soul escape

his all-discerning eyes?

2. How will my heart endure
the terrors of that day,

as earth and heaven, before his face,
in fear will melt away?

3. Before the trumpet sounds
and earth gives up its dead,
hear from the gospel's saving word
what joyful news is spread!

4. Let sinners seek God's grace,
whose wrath they cannot bear,
run to the shelter of his cross
and find salvation there.

Fellowship in Giving

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

Lord, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live;

Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servant give.

Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea,

We but stewards of your bounty sharing all by your decree.

Tune- In Babilone

Fellowship in Confession

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Galatians 6:1

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16

Call to Confession of Sin

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1John 1:5-8

Corporate Prayer

We confess, Lord, that as your disciples we have often dishonored the holy name we bear. We ask your forgiveness for times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom; when we have not followed your admonition to seek first the kingdom of God; when we have hidden our light from the world; when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Show us your mercy Lord and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Yahweh, your Redeemer has said: For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1John 1:9

Charge

Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his goodness and mercy; preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

Fellowship in the Holy Supper

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread Acts 20:7

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Hymn- I Come with Joy to Meet My God (Alt. A child of God)

Meaning of the Holy Supper

Beloved in the Lord, as we come to the holy Supper of our Lord and Savior, it is fitting that we consider to what end our Lord has instituted it.

“This do,” he said, “in remembrance of me.”

We are, therefore, to remember that our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the promises made in the Old Testament, was sent of the Father into the world; that he assumed our flesh and blood; that he bore for us the wrath of God, under which we should have perished everlastingly; that he fulfilled for us all obedience to the divine law; that he, although innocent, was condemned to death so that we might be acquitted at the judgment seat of God; that he took upon himself the curse due to us so that he might fill us with his blessings; that he humbled himself unto death, even the bitter and shameful death of the cross, when he cried out with a loud voice, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” so that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken of him; and finally, that he confirmed with the shedding of his blood the new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation, when he said, “It is finished.”

“This is my body, broken for you,” he said, “This cup is the new testament in my blood.”

The Institution

Minister: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it [here the minister breaks the bread] 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 [here the minister pours the wine] and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ ascended. Christ will come again.**

The Communion in the Bread and Cup

People of God, let us lift up our hearts to the Lord; **we lift lift them up to the God of our salvation.**

Bread

[As the bread is broken, the minister shall say,]

The bread which we break is a communion of the body of Christ.

[At the eating of the bread, the minister shall say,]

Take, eat, remember, and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Cup

[Taking the cup, the minister shall say,]

The cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks is a communion of the blood of Christ.

[At the drinking of the wine, the minister shall say,]

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Prayer of Thanks

With burning hearts we thank you, Father, for making Christ known to us in the breaking of bread and in the poured-out wine. Now may this meal enable us to increase in faith, persevere in hope, and grow up in love. May this witness to Christ's death draw others into fellowship with him so that all your children will be gathered in to share with us the joy of your salvation. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of zeal for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.

Liturgy based on extracts CRC Psalter Hymnal Forms

Hymn-God Be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again. Refrain

*Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

2 God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still divide you,
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

3 God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you,
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

4 God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you,
God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2
Corinthians 13:14

*Yahweh bless you and keep you. Yahweh make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. Yahweh lift up his face
upon you, and give you peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen* Numbers 6:24f

Special Visitors:

We are pleased to welcome Andrew Prout, alone with his wife, Rabya, and children Yamina, Lawrence, and Raphael. Andrew was a member of our church back in the 90's and has been serving overseas in various capacities since then, sharing and teaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will be preaching today.

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