

Good Shepherd Community Church



Sunday Worship Guide 6-November-2022

Gathering before Our God

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Call to Worship:

Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your godly ones sing for joy.

Be glad in Yahweh, and rejoice, you righteous! Shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!

We will greatly rejoice in Yahweh!

My soul will be joyful in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation.

He has covered me with the robe of righteousness! (Psalm 132:9;

Hymn-“Sola”

By Your Word alone, our eyes have seen Your salvation;

Through faith alone, not by the works of our hands;

By Your grace alone, we're purchased from every nation;

Through Christ alone, we stand.

To God alone be all the glory!

Lead us now, O King, in the worship of Your name;

Make us pure and clean,

Tune our hearts to sing Your praise.

Lord, we long to bring something worthy of Your fame:

Through Your Word, accept our praise;

Through Your Word, accept our praise.

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Invocation -

Pastor Jeff

Hymn –313P Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder;

let us praise the Savior's name!

He has hushed the law's loud thunder;

he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:

he has freed us by his blood;

he has brought us near to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,
dying for our rebel race,

called us by his Word and taught us
by the Spirit of his grace:
he has freed us by his blood;
he presents our souls to God.

3. Let us sing, though fierce temptation
threatens hard to drag us down;
for the Lord, our strong salvation,
holds in view the conqueror's crown:
he who freed us by his blood
soon will bring us home to God.

4. Let us wonder; he has suffered—
see what God in Christ has done!
Debts are paid, and mercy offered;
love and justice meet as one:
he who freed us by his blood
has secured our peace with God.

5. Let us praise, and join the chorus
of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us—
now their praises fill the sky:
'You have freed us by your blood,
you are worthy, Lamb of God!'
Authors: John Newton, Christopher Idle
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Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

The Scriptures tell us "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Isaiah writes- We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away (Isaiah 64:6). If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness " (1 John 1:8f) .Let us confess our sins, looking to Jesus Christ, our Savior, with faith and hope, knowing that he alone forgives and brings newness of life.

Please join me in the prayer of confession. Let us pray:

Prayer

Almighty and ever living God, our heavenly Father, before the mountains were formed, you were God. When the heavens will melt with fire, and you bring forth the new earth and the new heavens, you will still be God. But now is our time to live before you, and we know we have not measured up to our high calling in Christ Jesus; we have sinned and continue to sin. We do not love you as we should, nor do we love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves.

Our thoughts, our words, and our actions are tainted with selfishness and every manner of sin. Yet, you, O Lord, have redeemed us, you have purchased us with Christ's own blood, and thus qualified us to be your children. Wash us afresh in that precious blood of the Son of God, make us white as new fallen snow, renew us in our faith, and our hearts and lips will evermore praise you for your mercy in Christ Jesus, and in the power of his cleansing blood. It's in Christ's great name we pray. Amen.

Hear the Gospel of Christ:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. (1 Timothy 1:15, Ephesians 1:7)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. (Rom. 5:5) **Thanks be to God!**

Singing of God's Grace in Salvation

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him.

Exodus 15:2

Hymn- **287 Reconciled, I'm Reconciled**

Reconciled, I'm reconciled,
I'm reconciled to God for ever;
know he took away my sin,
I know his love will leave me never.
Reconciled, I am his child,
I know it was on me he smiled;
I'm reconciled, I'm reconciled to God.
Hallelujah!

2. I'm justified, I'm justified,
it's just as if I'd never sinned,
and once I knew such guilty fear,
but now I know his peace within me.
Justified, I'm justified,
it's all because my Jesus died;

Hymn- His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

I'm justified, I'm justified by God.
Hallelujah!

3. I'll magnify, I'll magnify,
I'll magnify his name for ever;
wear the robe of righteousness
and bless the name of Jesus, Savior;
magnify the One who died,
the One who reigns for me on high;
I'll magnify, I'll magnify my God.

Text- Michael Kerry

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Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

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Prayer of the Day

[Adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer (about 1540).]

Almighty and ever gracious God, since all our salvation depends upon your holy Word: therefore grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word, rightly understand your gracious will, and in all sincerity live accordingly, to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading the Holy Scripture

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

First Testament- **Isaiah 61:8-11**

Psalm 85

New Testament- **2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

New Testament – **John 5:18-29**

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

Praising God for Salvation

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to You because You have redeemed me. Ps 71:23

Hymn- Salvation unto Us Has Come

Salvation unto us has come
by God's free grace and favor.
Our works cannot avert our doom;
the law can save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
who for his people did atone;
he is our one Redeemer.

2. What God did in his law demand
and none to him could render
caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
for man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not the pure desires
God's holy law of us requires,
and lost is our condition.

3. It was a false, misleading dream
that God his law had given
so sinners could themselves redeem
and by their works gain heaven.
The law is just a mirror bright
to bring the inbred sin to light
that lurks within our nature.

4. From sin our flesh could not abstain;
sin held its sway unceasing.
The task was hopeless and in vain;
our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart
or purify our guileful heart,
so deep is our corruption.

5. Yet as the law must be fulfilled
or we must die despairing,
Christ Jesus came; God's wrath he stilled,
our human nature sharing.
The law he has for us obeyed
and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us had ruled.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we honor.

Praying to Our God

O LORD, the God who saves me day and night I cry out before you. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. Ps 88:1f

Prayer concerns, thanksgivings, and petitions
Prayers of the People

Presentation of the Offering

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Let us offer our gifts to the Lord out of thankful hearts and joyful lives.

Hymn-Creator God, Our Sovereign Lord

Creator God, our Sovereign Lord,
The heavens tell, the stars have shown,
Your splendor, might, and Deity,
But Truth lies in your Word alone.
*My heart to you, O God, I give,
And by your Word I live.*

In Truth your Word reveals my guilt,
My lost, unworthy self makes known,
But now made new I'm justified
And live and move by Faith alone.
*My heart to you, O God, I give,
And now by Faith I live.*

Before you made the world you chose,
In love, to send your only Son
To ransom me and make me one

With Christ, my Lord, by Grace alone.
*My heart to you, O God, I give,
And now by Grace I live.*

O Christ, Redeemer, Savior, King,
Subdued by grace, I am your own;
Enthrall my soul and make me free,
Reformed, redeemed by Christ alone.
*My heart to you, O God, I give,
And now in Christ I live.*

O glorious God, who reigns on high,
With heart in hand, before your throne,
We hymn your glory 'round the world
With psalms adoring you alone.
*My heart to you, O God, I give
And for your glory live.*

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The Proclamation of the Word

Sermon Text- Romans 5:1-11

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. v. 9 ESV

Sermon- "The Much More of Declared Righteousness" by Wayne Conrad

Response Hymn- A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone,
of covenant mercy I sing;
nor fear, with your righteousness on,
my person and off'ring to bring.

The terrors of law and of God
with me can have nothing to do;
my Savior's obedience and blood
hide all my transgressions from view.

2 The work which his goodness began,
the arm of his strength will complete;
his promise is yea and amen,
and never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
nor all things below or above,
can make him his purpose forgo,
or sever my soul from his love.

3 My name from the palms of his hands
eternity will not erase;
impressed on his heart it remains,
in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
as sure as the earnest is giv'n;
more happy, but not more secure,
the glorified spirits in heav'n.
Text- August Toplady

Let us confess our Faith

Reformation Confession 1

We believe in the one eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who created all things according to the purpose of His will.

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible authority for Christian life and doctrine. We believe it is the right and duty of each Christian to read, study, and obey the Scriptures. No doctrine is to be received unless it is taught in the Bible.

We believe that Jesus Christ alone is the Savior of men. He paid the sin debt that we owe by His perfect and all sufficient sacrifice on the cross. As the living Lord He is to be received by faith alone. We believe that God accepts us on the basis of Christ Jesus' person and work and not any merit of our own. We affirm justification by grace alone through faith in Christ alone.

We believe that all believers have the right to direct access to God through Jesus Christ. It is also our spiritual duty to intercede in behalf of other believers and to exercise our spiritual gifts for the upbuilding of the community of God's covenant people. We affirm the priesthood of all believers.

We, furthermore, believe that baptism (immersion) should be administered upon confession of faith in Christ Jesus, to believers only. This sacred ceremony signifies our identification in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and our desire to live as obedient disciples.

We believe that the true Church of the Lord should be an association of true believers in Christ who through His grace have covenanted together to live a life of commitment to Jesus Christ and for the purpose of the worship of God.

by Wayne Conrad, Grace Covenant Church, 1980's

The Holy Supper of Our Lord for His Disciples

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. With joy we remember that God rescued us from sin by sending Jesus Christ into the world to become human, like us, but without sin. With gratitude we remember that through his death and resurrection we have been set free from sin and death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. With thanksgiving we rejoice that Jesus' resurrection enables us to live each day with God's power. May we know the risen Christ and rejoice in the unity he gives us.

Let us Confess the Mystery of Faith:

The Word became flesh and lived among us as one of us, yet without sin,

The Word is Jesus the Messiah. He said that he, the Son of Man, had come to give his life a ransom for many.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ ascended,

Christ will come again.

John 13:1 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. As a visible symbol of his love for them he instituted a new memorial meal marking the enactment of the New Covenant in the sacrifice of his blood. He gave them and all who believe through the witness of the Word of the gospel this precious holy meal ***For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.***

Communion Hymn – 640 A Feast of Joy Unspeakable Is Spread

A feast of joy unspeakable is spread,
by him who is himself the living bread,
a place for hungry souls is now prepared,
a life of endless glory to be shared.

2. Yet places at this feast were dearly bought
when Jesus Christ came down and souls were sought,
and found and saved by his own precious blood,
to make our peace with heaven's holy God.

3. That gentle hand, once pierced, will pour the wine,
the liquid life of love our souls refine,
in heaven's hall of wonders still to come,
when God in matchless mercy brings us home.

4. And there, together saved by lavish grace,
the room ablaze with light from Jesus' face,
and every trace of sin and darkness gone,
we'll sing the praise of God's all-radiant Son.

The Thanksgiving

Leader: *What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?*

People: ***We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!*** Ps. 116:12,13

Prayer of Thanksgiving

As we are gathered about this table, let each of us offer thanks.

[Silence]

Gracious God our Father, you have given us these elements of bread and the fruit of the vine as a living remembrance of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are thankful that our Lord Jesus gave us this holy meal before his once-for-all suffering and death for our redemption. Open our hearts and minds to receive in faith this gospel ordinance, and grant that in receiving the bread and cup we may acknowledge and know the presence of Jesus by the Holy Spirit with us and be strengthened in our fellowship with one another. Amen.

As they were eating, he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them.
"This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Breaking Distribution and Participation in the Loaf

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Cup

"In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

.Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

[Silent Waiting before the Lord in Prayer or praise]

Hymn – My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place,
from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain:

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.*

2 Enough for me that Jesus saves,
this ends my fear and doubt;

a sinful soul, I come to him,
he'll never cast me out. [Refrain]

3 My heart is leaning on the Word,
the written Word of God,
salvation by my Savior's name,
salvation thro' his blood. [Refrain]

4 My great Physician heals the sick,
the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed,
for me his life he gave. [Refrain]

Benediction-

Yahweh bless you and keep you.

Yahweh make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

*Yahweh lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.** Numbers 6: 24-26*

“The right and true treasure of the Church is the most Holy Gospel of the glory and grace of God.” – Martin Luther, 95 Theses, #62