

**Post Reformation Worship Guide**  
**Good Shepherd Community Church**  
**November 5, 2023**

**The Gathering before Our God**

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

**Lift Up Your Hearts into the Heavens Where Christ Jesus Has Entered**

People of God- From where does your help come?

***Our help is in the name of Yahweh, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 124:8)***

**\*Call to Worship**

Ascribe to Yahweh, you families of *the* peoples, ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength.

Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due his name.

***I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.***

***For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.***

***Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.***

Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

***Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!***

***Amen and Amen.***

**Hymn- Your Words of Life**

By Pat and Joel Sczebel of Sovereign Grace

As we gather, come and teach us  
Spirit, come and speak today  
You delight to lead and guide us  
It's Your Word that lights the way

Chorus

*So come awaken our hearts  
Illumine our minds, magnify Jesus Christ  
Come, renewing our faith  
Changing our lives  
With Your words of life.*

Verse 2

Let Your truth sink deep within us  
Let the foolish learn Your ways  
We are often to prone to wander  
As we hear may we be changed > chorus .bridge x3 .chorus

Bridge

We need to see You, we need to hear You  
We want to know You, Word of life.

Chorus

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Illumine our minds, magnify Jesus Christ  
Come, renewing our faith  
Changing our lives  
With Your words of life.*

## **Invocation**

Pastor Jeff

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

All

Eternal, Almighty, and Most Gracious God! Heaven is your throne, and earth is your footstool; holy and reverend is your name. You are praised by the heavenly hosts, and in the congregation of your saints on earth, and are glorified by all who draw near to you. We are sinful and unworthy dust; but, invited by you, we are bold, through our blessed Mediator, to present ourselves and our supplications before you. Receive us in your grace; renew us by your Spirit; recall us to your Word, and grant that we may receive it with attentive, reverent, and obedient minds. Make it to us the savor of life unto life. Cause us to be fervent in prayer, joyful in your praise, and diligent in your service. May we find that a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, and that it is good for us to draw near to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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.*

## **Hymn- Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility;  
test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail—  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
and the earth is filled with your glory.  
Authors- Keith Getty, Stuart Townend © 2006 Thankyou Music

### **A Call to Confession**

We believe in God alone.

We call upon God, and we do so through Christ.

*There is one God and there is one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human.*

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Second Helvetic Confession, 5.024; cf. 1 John 2:1; 1 Tim. 2:5

Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, let us confess our sin to God:

### **Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, our great God, all holy,

Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,

We are ashamed and embarrassed to come before you,

For we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,

We have rebelled against your wisdom and have invited trouble,

We have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether.

O Lord, our great God, all holy, filled with awe,

Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,

Incline your ear to our troubles.

Hear us as we pour out our sorrows to you.

Forgive us,

Not because of our own righteousness,

But because of your great mercy.  
Because of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior,  
and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hear the Gospel of Christ:

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus is come into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

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!**

### **Hymn- Five Solas**

*By God alone I'm saved from my sin.  
To God alone be glory! Amen.*

The Word of God is truth revealed for man to know God's law;  
The standard of reality, the Bible guides in all.  
There is no other book divine, no other sacred tome,  
The truth of God lies nowhere else but, in His Word, alone.

Salvation is a gift of God, so may no human boast:  
By grace alone have saints been saved and blessed to uttermost!  
No, nothing else can save my soul, my sin that can atone,  
The sinner, now redeemed by God, is saved by grace alone.  
*By God alone I'm saved from my sin.  
To God alone be glory! Amen.*

The works of nat'ral man cannot appease the wrath of God,  
Through Christian faith the Savior saves and stays the Father's rod.  
For God could not my sin forgive through merits of my own,  
The guilty wretch is justified by God through faith alone.

When first the sin of man appeared, the Lord withdrew His hand;  
Thus Christ became a man and died to bridge the awful span;  
No other One could mediate between me and God's throne,  
The wayward son, restored to God, finds hope in Christ alone.  
*By God alone I'm saved from my sin.  
To God alone be glory! Amen.*

O praise the God who saves the weak, O glorify His name,  
Let all creation with one voice His wondrous deeds proclaim!  
Who else deserves the laud, the praise? It is not flesh and bone.  
May all of life e'er glorify our King, our God, alone!  
14.14.14.14 Sola

*From Church Songs: Vol. 1, released October 5, 2016.*

*Words by Cody Curtis Music by Cody Curtis*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiPB\\_IVVpJM&ab\\_channel=PsallosMusic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiPB_IVVpJM&ab_channel=PsallosMusic)

### **Scripture Readings**

*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- **Nehemiah 8:1-8**

**Psalms 119:33-40**

New Testament- **1 Thessalonians 2:1-13**

New Testament- **John 5:31-47**

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

### **We Sing**

#### **"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"**

by Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872

Translated by Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925

God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way,  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure.  
Throughout all generations.

Tune- *Ein Feste Burg*

### **We Dedicate Our Offerings**

*Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. Psalm 4:5*

#### **Prayer**

*Lord, we gratefully present to you the offerings from the labors of our lives. Please use them for the ongoing ministry of our church and for the extension of your kingdom in the world, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

#### **Praise the Savior, Stanza 1:**

*Praise the Savior, ye who know him!  
Who can tell how much we owe him?  
Gladly let us render to him,  
All we are and have.*  
#78, HLC

### **We Pray as the Body**

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18-19*

Requests, sharing thanks, and prayers of the people

### **Prayer Song for Preachers and Congregation**

Almighty God, we come to you  
to seek your living word anew  
praising your grace that you have give'n  
this Book to be our guide to heaven.  
*Let the anointing Spirit come  
To touch the lips that preach your name.*

With open hearts we now draw near  
and gladly bow Your voice to hear.  
Lord speak to us as we embrace  
You're sanctifying word, by grace.  
*Let the anointing Spirit come  
To touch the lips That preach your name.*

Oh Lord all wise our teacher be  
open our eyes that we may see  
the truth that comes from heavens throne.  
And testifies to you alone.  
*Let the anointing Spirit come  
To touch the lips That preach your name.*

O Holy Lord your presence give  
and grant that we may hear and live.  
Let Christ alone exalted be  
and in Your word, Lord, speak to me.  
*Let the anointing Spirit come  
To touch the lips that preach your name.*  
Amen, amen.

Eric j Alexander - Meter:88 88 88 -Tunes: Isaac-Mozart alts Melita, Madrid

### **The Ministry of the Word**

**Sermon key verse: 1 Thessalonians 2:13**

*And we also thank God constantly<sup>ld</sup> for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men<sup>el</sup> but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.*

**Sermon-“Reformers and the Restoration of Preaching”.** Wayne Conrad

### **Hymn- Ancient Words**

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world

They resound with God's own heart  
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Words of Life, words of Hope  
Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

*Ancient words ever true  
Changing me and changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh, let the ancient words impart.*

**3** Holy words of our faith  
handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice;  
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ. (chorus)

**4** Martyr's blood stains each page,  
they have died for this faith;  
Hear them cry through the years;  
Heed these words and hold them dear. (chorus)

**Authors:** Lynn DeShazo

**Tune Name:** Ancient Words

## Lord's Supper Service

Welcome to the feast of the Lord.

***"People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God."*** Luke 13:29

This is the joyful feast of the Lord, for the elements we receive speak not just of the flesh and blood of the crucified Lord but also of the life-giving ministry as our great High Priest at the right hand of God.

At the Lord's Supper we look back, remembering the whole story of our salvation; we look around, seeing that we are together members of the body of Christ; we look forward to the great banquet in God's coming kingdom; and we look up to our ascended Lord, who promises to feed us with his body and blood by the Holy Spirit.

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord imperfectly and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you. Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

## The Thanksgiving

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

**Minister:** With joy we praise you, gracious Father,  
for you have created heaven and earth,  
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—  
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
whose coming opened to us the way of salvation  
and whose triumphant return we eagerly await.

Therefore we join our voices  
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!*

## Prayer of Humble Access

*We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is to always have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, that by faith we may both eat of the body of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and drink of his blood, that we may be renewed and strengthened in our faith, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he is us. Amen.*

## The Words of 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 Meal

Hymn During Sharing- “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

## Bread

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

## There Is a Fountain



There is a fountain, filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away,  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away,  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

### The Cup

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

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed Church of God, be saved to sin no more,  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more,  
Till all the ransomed Church of God, be saved to sin no more.

4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die,  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die,  
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.

5. When this poor lispings, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save,  
I'll sing Thy power to save, I'll sing Thy power to save,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save.

William Cowper, 1771 Tune: Cleansing Fountain, CMD

### **Declaration after Communion**

***Your death, O Lord, we commemorate. Your resurrection we confess.  
Your final coming, we await. Glory be to you, O Christ!***

### **Prayer of Thanks after Communion**

We thank you, our Lord, for the hope this meal gives us, that Jesus will return as triumphant King, that the dead will be raised, and that all people will stand before his judgment. We face that day without fear, for you, our Judge, are our Savior. May our daily lives of service aim for the moment when the Son will present his people to the Father and God will be shown to be true, holy, and gracious. With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment. For then we will see you face to face. You will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight. Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb who is without blemish, he who made us a kingdom and priests. You, our God, will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and ***every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God!*** ***Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.*** (Adapted from Contemporary Testimony, st. 57-58)

### **Closing Hymn- Lord Thy Word Abideth**

Lord, Thy Word abideth,  
And our footsteps guideth;  
Who its truth believeth  
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,  
Then Thy Word doth cheer us,  
Word of consolation,  
Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,  
And dark clouds before us,  
Then its light directeth,  
And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,  
Who recount the treasure,  
By Thy Word imparted  
To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving  
Succour to the living;  
Word of life, supplying  
Comfort to the dying!

O that we, discerning,  
Its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear Thee,  
Evermore be near Thee!

Henry Baker 227HLC Ravenshaw

### **Benediction-**

*And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Acts 20:32*

***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 Amen.***

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## Scripture Readings

*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- **Nehemiah 8:1-8**

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that Yahweh had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup> And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed Yahweh, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped Yahweh with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, <sup>[a]</sup> helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, <sup>[b]</sup> and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

### Psalm 119:33-40 He

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O YAHWEH, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.

<sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your testimonies,  
and not to selfish gain!

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

<sup>38</sup> Confirm to your servant your promise,  
that you may be feared.

<sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
for your rules are good.

<sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your precepts;  
in your righteousness give me life!

### New Testament- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

For you yourselves know, brothers, <sup>[a]</sup> that our coming to you was not in vain. <sup>2</sup> But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does

not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive,<sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.<sup>5</sup> For we never came with words of flattery,<sup>[b]</sup> as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness.<sup>6</sup> Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.<sup>7</sup> But we were gentle<sup>[c]</sup> among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.<sup>8</sup> So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

<sup>9</sup> For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.<sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.<sup>11</sup> For you know how, like a father with his children,<sup>12</sup> we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

*<sup>13</sup> And we also thank God constantly<sup>[d]</sup> for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men<sup>[e]</sup> but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.*

### **New Testament- John 5:31-47**

<sup>31</sup> If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.<sup>32</sup> There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.<sup>33</sup> You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.<sup>34</sup> Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.<sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.<sup>36</sup> But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.<sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen,<sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.<sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,<sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.<sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people.<sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.<sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.<sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?<sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.<sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.<sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

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

Sermon Reference Texts

### **1 Corinthians 1:21-22**

<sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### **Romans 10:11-15**

<sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”<sup>[a]</sup>