

Good Shepherd Church

Worship Guide

January 21, 2024

Gathering and Call to Worship

Prelude

Blessing

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 2 Timothy 1:2

Call to Worship

Yahweh has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem ... and to Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe. Psalm 132:13-14; Hebrews 12:22; 1 Peter

565P As We Are Gathered

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one with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
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Come and Praise Him Royal Priesthood

Come and praise Him, royal priesthood
Come and worship, holy nation
Worship Jesus, our Redeemer
He is precious, King of glory.

Sing His praises, God's own people
For he called you out of darkness.
Worship Jesus, our Redeemer
He is Savior, King of Glory

Invocation

Pastor Jeff

Hymn- God Is in His Temple

God is in his temple,
the almighty Father;
round his footstool let us gather:
him with adoration
serve, the Lord most holy,
who has mercy on the lowly;
let us raise
hymns of praise
for his great salvation:
God is in his temple.

2. Christ comes to his temple:
we, his word receiving,
are made happy in believing.
Now from sin delivered,
he has turned our sadness,
our deep gloom, to light and gladness!
Let us raise
hymns of praise,
for our bonds are severed:
Christ comes to his temple.

3. Come and claim your temple,
gracious Holy Spirit,
in our hearts your home inherit;
make in us your dwelling,
your high work fulfilling,
into ours your will instilling;
till we raise
hymns of praise,
past all mortal telling,
in the eternal temple.

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Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Call to Confession:

Israel, put your hope in Yahweh. For there is faithful love with Yahweh, and with Him is redemption in abundance. And He will redeem Israel from all its sins. Psalm 130:7-8

O Lord, you have searched me, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

In the light of God's complete knowledge of our thoughts and actions, let us confess our sins to him and claim the grace of the One who loves us and gave himself for us, despite knowing the worst about us.

*Silent personal naming of sins and request for cleansing

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself. Therefore, we come, in the Reconciler's name, to claim spiritual healing within and among us.

Congregation: *Our Father in Heaven, we confess that we are born sinners and that we continue to sin against You, our God and Savior. Our only hope is to come to You in Jesus's name, and we do so now. Hear us for Christ's sake. Forgive us our many sins; our harsh words; our wicked thoughts; our false dealings. Teach us kindness, purity, and integrity. Our Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen*

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear now the promises of God's Word to those who have trusted in Christ alone: ... "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. **In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. AMEN** (Eph 1:3-8)*

Hymn- The Living Stone

On Christ salvation rests secure;
the Rock of Ages must endure;
nor can that faith be overthrown
which rests upon the "Living Stone."

2 No other hope shall intervene;
to Him we look, on Him we lean;
other foundations we disown
and build on Christ, the "Living Stone."

3 In Him, it is ordained to raise
a temple to Jehovah's praise
composed of all the saints, who own
no Savior but the "Living Stone."

4 View the vast building, see it rise;
the work how great! the plan how wise!
O wondrous fabric, pow'r unknown
that rests it on the "Living Stone."

5 But most adore His precious name;
His glory and His grace proclaim;
for us, condemned, despised, undone,
He gave Himself, the "Living Stone."

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Reading the Holy Scriptures

My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words. Psalm 119:139

Chorus prayer: **Bless Your Word unto Our Hearts**

Bless Thy Word unto our hearts
and glorify Thy Name.
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and glorify Thy Name.
Glorify Thy Name, Lord,
glorify Thy Name.
Bless Thy Word unto our hearts
and glorify Thy Name.

First Testament- Exodus & 1 Kings (selections)

Exodus 25:8

⁸ And let them make a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 33:9-11

⁹ When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, Yahweh would speak with Moses. ¹⁰ And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. ¹¹ Thus Yahweh used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

Exodus 40:34-38

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle.

³⁶ Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of Yahweh was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

1 Kings 8:1-11

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the people of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh out of the city of David, which is Zion. ² And all the men of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³ And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. ⁴ And they brought up the ark of Yahweh, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. ⁵ And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. ⁶ Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of Yahweh to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷ For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. ⁸ And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the Holy Place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. ⁹ There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, where Yahweh made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of Yahweh, ¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Yahweh filled the house of Yahweh.

¹⁰ It came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled Yahweh's house, so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for Yahweh's glory filled Yahweh's house.

Psalm 132 *A Song of Ascents.*

Remember, O YAHWEH, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,
² how he swore to Yahweh
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
³ "I will not enter my house

or get into my bed,
⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes
 or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵ until I find a place for Yahweh,
 a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
⁶ Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
 we found it in the fields of Jaar.
⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place;
 let us worship at his footstool!"
⁸ Arise, O YAHWEH, and go to your resting place,
 you and the ark of your might.
⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
 and let your saints shout for joy.
¹⁰ For the sake of your servant David,
 do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
¹¹ Yahweh swore to David a sure oath
 from which he will not turn back:
 "One of the sons of your body
 I will set on your throne.
¹² If your sons keep my covenant
 and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
 their sons also forever
 shall sit on your throne."
¹³ For Yahweh has chosen Zion;
 he has desired it for his dwelling place:
¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever;
 here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provisions;
 I will satisfy her poor with bread.
¹⁶ Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
 and her saints will shout for joy.
¹⁷ There I will make a horn to sprout for David;
 I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame,
 but on him his crown will shine."

New Testament- Colossians 1:13-20; 2:9-10

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Hymn - **Break Forth into Praise**

Break forth into praise! Our surety and head
His members to raise, has ris'n from the dead;
The power of His Spirit hath quickened our Lord,
That we by His merit may all be restored.

Our captain and king with shouts we proclaim,
And joyfully sing the wonderful name;
The name all-victorious we publish, and feel
Triumphantly glorious o'er sin, earth, and hell.

The power of His rise we know and declare
And rapt to the skies, His happiness share;
In heavenly places with Jesus we sit,
And Jesus's praises with angels repeat.

We sing of His love while sojourning here,
Till Christ from above our Savior appear;
The heirs of salvation with triumph receive,
In full consummation of glory to live.

Words- Charles Wesley

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Lifting up of Our Prayers

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth. Psalm 65:5

Concerns/ thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Offerings

Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

Dedication Prayer for Offering

Let Us Draw Near

Let us draw near The blood is spilt
The Lamb has borne The sinner's guilt
The sacrifice for sin is made
We meet our Father unafraid.

Let us draw near the holy door
Stands open wide for evermore
No longer flaming angels guard
The gate by Jesus' hand unbarred.

Let us draw near no more we fear
Our Savior bids us welcome here
We come as guests of princely grace
To feast in heaven's most holy place.

Let us draw near with hearts aglow
In reverent stillness bowing low
Before the throne love's emblems plead
In simple faith with all our need.

Ministry of the Word

Scripture: John 2:13-17

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon – "The Veiled Sign" by Wayne Conrad

Response Hymn- **Where High the Heavenly Temple Stands**

Where high the heavenly temple stands,
the house of God not made with hands,
a great high priest our nature wears,
the guardian of mankind appears.

2. He who our guarantor once stood
and poured on earth his precious blood,
pursues in heaven his mighty plan,
the Savior and the friend of man.

3. Though now ascended up on high,
he sees us with a brother's eye;
he shares with us the human name
and knows the frailty of our frame.

4. Our fellow-sufferer yet retains
a fellow-feeling for our pains,
and still remembers in the skies
his tears, his agonies and cries.

5. In all that pains the human heart,
the Man of sorrows had a part;
he sympathizes with our grief
and to the sufferer sends relief.

6. With boldness, therefore, at his throne
let us make all our sorrows known,
and ask the aid of heavenly power
to help us in the evil hour.

Christ Meets Us at His Table led by Jeff Gregory

O taste and see that Yahweh is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. — Psalm 34:8, NRSV

Declaration: *“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her....to present her to himself as a radiant church, without spot or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”* (Eph. 5:25-27)

Words of Invitation

Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation.
All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior,
and who desire to live in obedience to him,
are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
through your beloved servant, Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent in these last times
as Savior and Redeemer and messenger of your will.
He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you made all things
and in whom you take delight.

You sent him from heaven into the virgin's womb, where he was conceived and took flesh.
Born of the virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was revealed as your Son.
In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering to release from suffering
those who place their trust in you, and so won for you a holy people.
He freely accepted the death to which he was handed over
in order to destroy death and to shatter the chains of the evil one;
to trample underfoot the powers of hell and to lead the righteous into light;
to fix the boundaries of death and to manifest the resurrection.

And so he took bread, gave thanks to you, and said, *“Take, and eat; this is my body, broken for you.”*

In the same way he took the cup, saying, *“This is my blood, shed for you.*

When you do this, do it for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering therefore his death and resurrection,

we set before you this bread and cup,

thankful that you have counted us worthy *in and through your Son, Jesus*

to stand in your presence and serve you as your priestly people. [Text based on Hippolytus' (215AD) prayer]

The Distribution of the Bread

As Hebrews 10:10 states, “we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” It was not the sacrificial bodies of lambs and oxen, but body of the Son of God that was the only sacrifice that paid for our sins.

Take and eat. The body of Christ, given for you. **Thanks be to God!**

Communion Hymn- And Now, O Father

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
which bought us once for all on Calvary's tree,
and having with us Christ who reigns above,
we celebrate with joy for all to see
that only offering perfect in your eyes:
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of your grace,
our prayer so feeble and our faith so dim;
for, set between our sins and their reward,
we see the cross of Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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"Tis said, 'tis done: and like as we believe', William Bright
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Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
'Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus Christ who at the beginning and end of your ministry cleansed by casting out from the temple in
Jerusalem those who were desecrating the holy place reserved for prayer: purify our hearts from all defilement,
our worship from all insincerity, and our lives from all selfishness; that we may as a holy priesthood in your temple
show forth your light and truth for the glory of your name. Amen.

As we depart let us sing what we believe.

Hymn- 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 Savior, 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.

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Benediction – 2 Cor 13:14

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

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