

# Good Shepherd Community Church

*Proclaiming the God of Grace*



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## **Blessing**

Leader: *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. Amen. Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**Call to Worship-** Brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, ***let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,*** with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.

## **Hymn- I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Are**

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I greet you, who my sure Redeemer are,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain did undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray you from our hearts all cares to take.

2. You art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
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 pow'r.

4. Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
our faith is built upon your promise free;  
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure  
that we can boldly conquer and endure.

**Authors:** J. Calvin, Strasbourg Psalter, 1545

**Tune Name:** Toulon

## Invocational Prayer

Pastor Jeff

### Hymn- God Our Father, We Adore

God, our Father, we adore Thee!  
We, your children, bless your name!  
Chosen in the Christ before Thee,  
we are "holy, without blame."  
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!  
Abba's praises we proclaim!  
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#3 HLC Author- George W Frazer, Tune- Beecher

### Only By Grace Can We Enter

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Only by grace can we enter,  
only by grace can we stand;  
not by our human endeavor  
but by the blood of the Lamb.  
Into your presence you call us,  
you call us to come,  
into your presence you draw us  
and now by your grace we come,  
now by your grace we come.

Lord if you mark our transgressions  
who will stand?  
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed  
by the blood of the Lamb.  
(Repeat chorus)

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but by the blood of the Lamb.  
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### Call to Confession

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.  
Proverbs 28:13

Let us draw near to God our Father acknowledging where we have fallen short in our obedience to his will through transgression or neglect. *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but*

one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16

Silent wait

### **A Prayer**

To you, O YAHWEH, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

...

Show me your ways, Yahweh.

Teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Guide me in your truth, and teach me,

For you are the God of my salvation,

I wait for you all day long.

<sup>6</sup>Yahweh, remember your tender mercies and your loving kindness,

for they are from old times.

<sup>7</sup>Don't remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.

Remember me according to your loving kindness,

for your goodness' sake, Yahweh.

<sup>11</sup>For your name's sake, Yahweh,

pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. Psalm 25

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Most merciful God the Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness: times when we hungered for that which does not satisfy; when we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith, have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk consistently in your ways and delight in doing your will to the praise and honor of your name. Amen.*

### **Words of Assurance of Pardon and Renewal**

If you, Yah, kept a record of sins,

Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with you,

therefore you are feared. Psalm 130:3-4

Praise Yahweh, my soul,

and don't forget all his benefits,

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins,

who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from destruction,

who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies. Psalm 103:2-4

### **Hymn- Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People**

Comfort, comfort ye my people,

speak ye peace, thus saith our God;

comfort those who sit in darkness

mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem

of the peace that waits for them!  
Tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.

2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
blotting out each dark misdeed;  
all that well deserved His anger  
He will no more see nor heed.  
She hath suffered many a day,  
now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
into ever-springing gladness.

Based Isaiah 40 #298 TPH

**Authors:** Johannes Olearius, 1671

**Tune Name:** Genevan 42 (Thirsting)

### **Hymn- It Is Well with My Soul**

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
""It is well, it is well with my soul.""

Refrain:

*It is well with my soul;*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

3 My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

4 O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;  
""Even so""—it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Author- Horatio G Spafford 11.8.11.9 ref Ville Du Havre  
#476 TPH

### **Reading from the Holy Scriptures**

*As for God, his way is perfect. Yahweh's word is tried. He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him.*

*<sup>31</sup> For who is God, except Yahweh? And who is a rock? Only our God. Psalm 18:30-31*

### **First Testament- Job 19:19-27**

All my intimate friends abhor me,  
and those whom I loved have turned against me.

<sup>20</sup> My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh,  
and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

<sup>21</sup> Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends,  
for the hand of God has touched me!

<sup>22</sup> Why do you, like God, pursue me?  
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?

<sup>23</sup> "Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> *For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.*

<sup>26</sup> *And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,*

<sup>27</sup> *whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.*  
My heart faints within me!

### **Psalm 23 A Psalm of David.**

Yahweh is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of Yahweh  
forever.

### **New Testament Letters of Peter and Paul**

#### **1 Peter 1:3-5 ESV**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an

inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

#### **Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

#### **Romans 8:15-17**

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

#### **New Testament- John 10:14-18,22-30**

<sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

...

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

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

#### **Hymn- By Grace I Am an Heir**

By grace I am an heir of heaven:  
why doubt this, O my trembling heart?  
If what the Scriptures promise clearly  
is true and firm in ev'ry part,  
this also must be truth divine:  
by grace a crown of life is mine.

2 By grace alone shall I inherit  
that blissful home beyond the skies.  
Works count for naught, the Lord incarnate  
has won for me the heav'nly prize.  
Salvation by his death he wrought,  
his grace alone my pardon bought.

3 By grace! These precious words remember  
when sorely by your sins oppressed,  
when Satan comes to vex your spirit,  
when troubled conscience sighs for rest;  
what reason cannot comprehend,  
God does to you by grace extend.

4 By grace! Be this in death my comfort;  
despite my fears, 'tis well with me.  
I know my sin in all its greatness,  
but also him who sets me free.  
My heart to naught but joy gives place,  
since I am saved by grace, by grace.  
Author- Christian Scheidt (trns) H Breuckner  
Meter 9.8.9.8.8.8.8 Tune- Neumark

### **Intercessions and Petitions**

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.* Psalm 34:4  
Concerns and Thanksgivings + Sharing > Prayers of the People

### **Offering**

*You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.* 2 Cor. 8:9

### **Dedication Prayer**

*O God our Father, who did not spare your only unique Son but delivered him up for us all, and who in him has freely given us all things: receive these offerings which we have, give, and dedicate to you. Enable us with our gifts so to yield ourselves to you that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly and freely serve you and in your service find our deepest joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Hymn- I Know Whom I Have Believed**

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
to me he has made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain:

*But "I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day."*

2 I know not how this saving faith  
to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his Word  
wrought peace within my heart. [Refrain]

3 I know not how the Spirit moves,  
convincing men of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the Word,  
creating faith in him. [Refrain]

4 I know not what of good or ill  
may be reserved for me,  
of weary ways or golden days,  
before his face I see. [Refrain]

5 I know not when my Lord may come,  
at night or noontide fair,  
nor if I'll walk the vale with him,  
or meet him in the air. [Refrain]

Author- David W Whittle Meter: CM ref. Tune- El Nathan

Scripture-2 Timothy 1:12 - *I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

### **Instruction in the Word**

#### **Sermon Text- 1 John 5:9b-13**

...the witness of God is greater; for this is God's testimony which he has testified concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who doesn't believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>The testimony is this, that God gave to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has the life. He who doesn't have God's Son doesn't have the life.

<sup>13</sup>These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. WEB

**<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.** ESV

Sermon- "Understanding Christian Assurance" Wayne Conrad

#### **Prayer of Response- Congregation**

*Almighty God our Father, grant that the words we have heard this day, through your grace, be so grafted within our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit, to the honor and praise of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### **Hymn- I Have No Other Comfort**

I have no other comfort  
which life and death endures  
than that I am my Savior's,  
whose death my life secures.  
To you with soul and body,  
O Jesus, I belong;  
you are my only Master  
and my Redeemer strong.

2. Your blood is full atonement  
for all my sin and guilt;  
the cross is all my glory;  
on you my faith is built.



And you, my great deliv'rer,  
are my preserver too;  
you guide all of my footsteps,  
and lead me clearly through.

3. Whatever things betide me  
must serve to save my soul;  
the Father watches o'er me  
to keep me safe and whole.  
Yes, by the Holy Spirit  
I fully am assured  
that mine is life eternal  
according to your Word.

4. And so you make me willing  
with all my heart and mind  
to live for you, my Savior,  
so loving, true, and kind.  
To you with soul and body,  
O Jesus, I belong;  
you are my only Master  
and my Redeemer strong.

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### **Table Fellowship with the Risen Christ**

led by Pastor Jeff

Welcome to the joyful feast of the Lord. Our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus by means of the Holy Spirit is the Host and we, his children through our faith in him, are family gathered at his table. We come to the table not just as individuals but as a community. By sharing the loaf and the cup, Christ makes us one with him and with each other. The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal with the risen, ascended Jesus and with one another as fellow recipients of his saving grace and heirs of his glory.

"...the Lord's Supper celebrates God's great redemptive event in the new covenant. Jesus said at the Passover meal with His disciples, "This is my body, which is given for you" ([Luke 22:19](#)) and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" ([Matt. 26:28](#)). The Lord's Supper is a sign that points us back to Christ's death on the cross. We eat and drink "in remembrance of" Christ ([Luke 22:19](#)).

The Lord's Supper also points forward. At the Last Supper, Jesus, looking forward to the consummation, said, "For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes" ([Luke 22:18](#)). Similarly, Paul writes with regard to the Lord's Supper, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" ([1 Cor. 11:26](#)). Notice here that the Lord's Supper "proclaims." It is a visible word. The Lord's Supper, however, does more than make the Word visible. It involves all of our senses. We see, but we smell, touch, and taste the bread and wine as well. The Lord's Supper, rightly observed, also includes hearing, occurring after the preaching of the Word and proper instruction on the meaning of elements. The Lord's Supper helps us better grasp the wonder of Christ's death by the involvement of all five senses. The Lord's Supper makes Christ's death on the cross personal. Christ did not just die for sinners. Christ died for *me*.

The Lord's Supper, in other words, seals this truth to our hearts. It is an external, physical confirmation that I belong to Christ, and that same Christ has given himself to me. In the beautiful words of Heidelberg Catechism 1:

*What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins, and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil, and that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.*

Moreover, in the Lord's Supper we commune spiritually with Christ. Paul writes: "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16). The Greek word translated "participation" is *koinonia*, a word that refers to intimate fellowship with someone. In contrast, Paul admonishes the Corinthians not to have *koinonia* with demons by participating in pagan worship (v. 20). Christ is spiritually present at the Lord's Supper. When we partake of the bread and cup, we have intimate communion with Him. -Copied -Table Talk, William Barclay, Means of Grace, June, 2020

### **Distribution of the Bread & Cup**

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it [*break is broken*] and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

### **Bread**

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

### **Communion Hymn – Come, Take by Faith**

Come, take by faith the body of the Lord,  
and drink the blood of Christ for us outpoured.  
Praise and confess the wonders of his grace:  
to rescue us, he suffered in our place.

2 Led to the slaughter as the Lamb of God,  
our Savior bought us with his precious blood.  
Remember how he bore our curse and shame;  
until he comes, let us his death proclaim.

3 Come, let us then with contrite hearts draw near  
to seek the pledges of his mercy here.  
He, who his saints in this world rules and shields,  
to all believers life eternal yields.

4 With heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsty soul.  
Let us his holy supper celebrate  
and, so refreshed, our coming King await.

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### **Cup**

In the same way, he took the cup after supper [*pour the wine*] and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me."

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

### **Prayer of Gratitude**

Father, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his willing obedience and suffering during his life on earth, and especially for his giving up of his body and blood on the cross. Thank you for assurance that our sins are

pardoned through his blood. Let your perfect love drive out fear; make us perfect in your love. Fill our minds with your peace and turn our eyes to heaven, where Christ is at your right hand, interceding for us. Enable us to offer up ourselves as living sacrifices in service to Christ and to all your children. Let no trouble or sorrow distract us from this loving service and unite us with each other through your Spirit so that we may continue in the living hope of our Savior's coming in glory.

### **Hymn – What Gift of Grace Is Jesus, My Redeemer**

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer;  
there is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
for my life is wholly bound to his.  
O, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side the Savior he will stay;  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me;  
through the deepest valley he will lead.  
O, the night has been won and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread: I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price it has been paid;  
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated!  
Jesus now and ever is my plea;  
O, the chains are released; I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
for he has said that he will bring me home;  
and day by day I know he will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
all the glory evermore to him;  
when the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
'Yet not I, but through Christ in me!'

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### **Doxology- Jude 1:24-25**

*Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*

### **Benediction**

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

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For personal Meditation and Affirmation

### **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

#### **Refrain:**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

**2** Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight:  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

**3** Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, kept in his love. Refrain  
Text- Fanny Crosby Tune- Assurance  
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