



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Saturday, January 16, 2021 | 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 17, 2021 | 8:15 AM

Connect | to God | to each other | to our place in the world

God Gathers Us

Gathering Music Josh Norem

Welcome/Life in Community

Special Music #641 vs 1-2 *All Are Welcome*

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

God Speaks to Us

Scripture Reading...Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV) Read by: 5:30 Josh Norem,
8:15 Joel Timmons

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Time of Honesty

**On this Martin Luther King weekend we remember the legacy of his prophetic message. The words and actions of Dr. King are for all of humanity and they ring as true today as they did during his lifetime. This time of honesty is a recognition of our individual and community need for repentance and reconciliation.*

Pastor: Gracious God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating all the wonderful diversity of cultures.

All: Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Pastor: From the bondage of racism that denies the humanity of every human being and the prejudices within us that deny the dignity of those who are oppressed, Lord set us free:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: From racism that blinds oppressors to the destruction caused by the spirit and practice of racial injustice, Christ set us free:

All: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: From the racism that will not recognize the work of your Spirit in other cultures: Lord set us free:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Forgive those of us who have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial intolerance and bigotry, both overt and subtle, public and private.

All: And take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts.

Pastor: Break down the walls that separate us.

All: And help us to find that unity that is the fruit of righteousness and will enable us to become your beloved community.

Pastor: Empower us to speak boldly for justice and truth and help us to deal with one another without hatred or bitterness, working together with mutual forbearance and respect.

All: And work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes.

Pastor: Let us listen, reflect, and learn from the Divine-inspired words of Dr. King:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

"For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory."

God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

Special Music #725 vs 1-4 *When the Poor Ones*

(Solo)1 Cuando el pobre nada tiene y aún reparte,
cuando alguien pasa sed y agua nos da,
cuando el débil a su hermano fortalece:

Refrain

We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

(All)2 When compassion gives the suff'ring consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred
all around us: Refrain

3 When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: Refrain

4 When the goodness poured from heaven
fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: Refrain

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Prayer of the Day

Special Music #723 vs 1 & 4 *Canticle of the Turning*

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

- 4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
 we remember who holds us fast:
 God's mercy must deliver us
 from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
 This saving word that our forebears heard
 is the promise which holds us bound,
 till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
 who is turning the world around. Refrain

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Gospel Reading...John 1:43-51 (NRSV)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message *Connect— Discovering a Beloved Community*

Pr. Tom Grevlos

Special Music #798 vs 1 & 4 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

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God Feeds Us

Affirmation of Faith: Hope

I believe in God.

The God of all creation

But, above all, in the God

that rises from the dead

to be a Life-Giver..

I believe in the God of flesh and blood, Jesus Christ,

the God who lived in my skin and tried on my shoes,

the God who walked in my ways, and knows of lights and shadows.

The God who ate and starved,

who had a home and suffered loneliness,

who was praised and condemned, kissed and spat on, loved and hated.

The God who went to parties and funerals,

the God who laughed and cried.

I believe in the God who is active today, who looks at the world
and sees the hatred that segregates, divides,
sets people aside, hurts and kills,
who sees the dirty rivers and the dead fish,
the toxic substances destroying the earth
who sees the future mortgaged and
humanity's debt growing.

I believe in God who sees all this ...
and keeps on crying, and a God who never gives up.

I believe in God
who sees the struggles and pain of the pandemic and is present in it,
who sees a mother giving birth – a life born from pain,
who sees two children playing - a seed growing,
who sees a flower blooming out of the debris - a new beginning,
who sees the sun rising every morning - a time of opportunities.

I believe in God who sees all this ...
and smiles,
because,
in spite of it all,
there is hope, because our ultimate hope is discovered in Jesus Christ, our Lord
written by Gerardo Oberman, Argentina. Adapted from [Prayers for the Week of Prayer for
Christian unity 2004](#), posted on the [World Council of Churches](#) website.

Prayers of the Beloved Community

Led by: 5:30 Pete Forsberg, 8:15 Joel Timmons

Sharing of the Peace (Virtual Greeting)

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Breaking of Bread

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day
our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Communion Invitation

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus.

Bread/cracker -

“The Body of Christ given for you.”

Wine/juice -

“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”

Communion Blessing/Prayer

God Sends Us

Benediction

Special Music #793 vs 1 & 4 *Be Thou My Vision*

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Commissioning

Pastor: Jesus said, "Follow me."
And so, as Jesus taught us,
go now and overcome.
Overcome hatred with love and understanding.
Overcome mean-heartedness with a kind word or good deed.
We go out into the world, sharing the love of Jesus Christ with our
neighbors.
Because Jesus also said, "You will see greater things than these."
All: **Thanks be to God and WE WILL!**
adapted from [The AfricanAmericanLectionary.org](http://TheAfricanAmericanLectionary.org).

Postlude Josh Norem

PRAYERS

Please pray for Bob Moore, Julie Shank, Jeri Porter, Kristen Murray, Olivia Nutter and Emma Sather

Please pray Cyndi Christenson and family on the death of her mother, Carolyn Burch

Please pray for friends of Shepherd members: Ellsworth and Mildred Tonn, Jean Bessent and Janettee Henderson and family on the death of her brother, Larry Hall

We pray for all those affected by COVID-19, and for all those in the medical field caring for the sick. We give God thanks for vaccine development, which brings us all hope for our future health and well-being. We continue to pray for a cure and for an end to the spread of this disease.

Please pray for our global ministries: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala; Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti

Please pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

A Prayer for our Nation. Eternal God,
Amid all the turmoil and changes in the world, your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. You have bound us in a common life. We pray fervently that you will be a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future. May we be your presence, carrying your peace.
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Preaching Pastor

Pr. Tom Grevlos

Director of Worship/Arts

Kevin McClure

Altar Flowers

Given by Ron and Charlyn Bacon, in loving memory of Charlyn's sister, Carla Foulk

AV

5:30/8:15 Pete Forsberg, James Enochs

Guitar/Vocalist

Josh Norem

Hosts

5:30 Anita & Don Knight, Craig Christenson

8:15 Judy & Bob Haugen, Rick Burnight,

Tim Stein



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2020 Annual Report Presentation Video with Q+A

Sunday, January 31st, 12 pm

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