

February 27, 2022

“SHINE, JESUS, SHINE!”

GATHERING MUSIC *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now to him who by the power at work
within us is able to accomplish abundantly
beyond all we can ask or imagine,

**All: to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, for ever and ever.**

Leader: Beyond our Power,

All: Beyond our Imagination,

Leader: Beyond our Generation. . .

All: God is at work. Beyond. Amen!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS by Moira Laidlaw

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, today we hear the
story of your transfiguration, where God's glory
and love shone through you on the mountain,
and you persisted in revealing that glory and
love through your words and deeds; through
your life of humble service. We hear again these
wonderful words of God "You are my Son, the
Beloved, listen to him!" We confess our failure
to listen to you because of the influence of this

world. When this happens our attitudes conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love.

We confess:

If we conceal your love
because our pursuit of other priorities
prevents us from seeing and serving people in need;

All: forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: If we conceal your glory
because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness;

All: forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: If we conceal your justice
through our failure to empower those who are powerless;

All: forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: If we conceal your mercy
because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes;

All: forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: If we conceal your compassion
because of our prejudice and intolerance;

All: forgive us, Lord.

(Silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The good news is that we are not only enlightened by our belief in Christ, we are cleansed and we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN #318 *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
 alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
 thus they sing eternally.

2 Alleluia you are sounding,
true Jerusalem and free;
 alleluia, joyful mother,
 bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters
 mourning exiles still are we.

3 Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
 alleluia our transgressions
 make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin shall flow.

4 In our hymns we pray with longing:
 Grant us, blessed Trinity,
 at the last to keep glad Easter
with the faithful saints on high;
 there to you forever singing
 alleluia joyfully.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Altar Flowers:

Given by Corky and Ted Powell, in celebration of our new granddaughter, Isla Ryan Powell, daughter of Thomas Ryan and Megan Powell!

Austin City Lutherans Homelessness Initiative

Today at 3pm
St. Martin's Lutheran Church + Zoom

- Speaker Sarah Weier of Sunrise
- Sign up to volunteer

Contact dabney@shephills.org for Zoom info

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Youth Summer Trip Fundraiser

Tuesday, March 1st from 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Courtyard
(arrive anytime)



March 2

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WEDNESDAY

6:30 am, Noon + 7:00 pm
(Sanctuary + Livestream @ 7:00 pm)

THIS MATTERS! PLUS

This Matters! Plus finishes up with contributions totaling \$101,000

100% of this went to paying down the debt.

Over the course of This Matters! Plus we have saved \$4,060 in interest.

THANK YOU!!!

SCRIPTURE READING...2 PETER 1:16-21

Read by: (8:15) Larry Wikelius, (10:45) Pam Petterson

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING...MATTHEW 17:1-9

Read by: Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

CHILDREN'S SONG *Celtic Alleluia*

MESSAGE "Jesus Changes Us" Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG #315 vs 1, 4-5 *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

1 How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

4 Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by: (8:15) Larry Wikelius, (10:45) Pam Petterson

THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link:
shephills.org/give.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



BEYOND MOMENT Invitation to Commitment Weekend

OFFERING RESPONSE #465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THANKS

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.*

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and
promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;
Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

COMMUNION MUSIC 10:45 v 2 & 3 ***I Then Shall Live***

Verse 2

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too
I'll know how fear builds walls instead of bridges

I'll dare to see another's point of view
And when relationships demand commitment
Then I'll be there to care and follow through

Verse 3

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me
Your pow'r and glory let them shine through me
Your hallowed name oh may I bear with honor

And may Your living Kingdom come in me
The Bread of Life oh may I share with honor
And may You feed a hungry world through me

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING SONG

#866 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

***COMMISSIONING**

Leader: As we have climbed the mountain with Jesus to
experience his glory, let us go back down the
mountain and journey with Jesus to the cross, as we go out
to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet David German*

PRAYERS

Please pray for Don Gaskin, Don Knight, Marie Fortune,
Glenn Richter and Betty Lueders

Please pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

David Lechler, brother of Dawn Paulson

Walter DeBill, husband of Stacia DeBill

Kenna Joy Kramer, Grandniece of Weldon and Mary Allison

Lori Roth, Sister of Sandy Smith

We pray for all who mourn the death of John Pollock, father of Deb Pollock Darnell

Please pray in thanksgiving for the birth of Isla Ryan Powell, daughter of Thomas Ryan and Megan Powell and, granddaughter of Ted and Corky Powell!

Please pray in thanksgiving for the birth of Alora Isabel Rieger, daughter of Jackie and Tommy Rieger and sister, Nicolette, granddaughter of Mark and Kathy Gerhardt!

Lord, throughout the generations you have beacons your people to "Go". Go, from what is familiar. Go, trusting that you are with us. Go, in the confidence that you know the way. Go, with the faith that the outcome belongs to you. In his last words to the Church, Jesus directed us to Go into the World, promising that he is with us. Those who respond to your call are not disappointed in the future you are preparing, where love abounds and life is full.

Lord, we now hear a call to us to Go Beyond; to go from where we are. We are beacons to go even further from where you have already taken us. Lord, when we are pulled to the logic "to stay" and we feel we have gone as far as we are able to do so, give us a vision, once again, of what lies ahead.

Thank you, Lord, for our church family with whom we journey, and thank you for the opportunity to serve our neighbors and their children in a loving, safe, environment where children can grow and faith can take root.

We come to you, Lord, with grateful hearts, and we are prepared to go with you with faith. In Christ, we pray. Amen

We pray for the people of our country and world as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Grant healing to those afflicted, strength to those who care for the sick, and wisdom to those who lead.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and all who find themselves in the midst of war, gripped by fear and uncertainty. Send your peace. Send your wisdom to leaders of the world as they grapple with deep disagreements and tensions. May we be ever aware of your beloved people all around the world who suffer and who cry out for help. Send us as proclaimers of your love.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for 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 Ministries.

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

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,
unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Preaching Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Trumpet	(10:45) Bob Cannon
Altar Care	(8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald (10:45) Diane Peterson
Assisting Minister	(8:15) Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Pam Petterson
AV	(8:15) Bill Dawson and Dave Wegner; (10:45) Bill and Sara Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols and Peter Walsh
Flowers	Given by Corky and Ted Powell in celebration of our new granddaughter Isla Ryan Powell, daughter of Thomas Ryan and Megan Powell!
Hosts	(8:15) Terrie Thomas (10:45) Rick and Kendra Burnight
Admin Ministry Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Operations	Dave Wegner
Creative Media	Dabney Gomes
Director of Youth Ministry	Joel Timmons
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Financial Officer	Kevin Marlow

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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