

March 13, 2022



**DIVINE DIRECTION...
SPIRITUAL EXERCISES TO
GROW FAITH**

GATHERING MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Heally Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP...based on Psalm 27 by Rev Elizabeth Dilley

Leader: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

Leader: Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

All: O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us! Be our guide and our light instead!

Leader: One thing we ask of God:

All: That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life.

Leader: Beloved of God, we enter worship today in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!

All: Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN #631 vs 1-2, 4 *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS...by Bruce Prewer

Pastor: As we gather in the name of Jesus, let us confess our failures, and renounce our sins.

**All: Hear us, loving God, when we cry to you,
be gracious to us and answer our prayer.**

Pastor: If we have slid away from new opportunities,
or failed to give our best effort to long familiar duties,
forgive us and restore us, O God.

**All: Christ Jesus is our light and salvation,
of whom shall we be afraid?**

Pastor: If we have become weary,
and slipped into mirroring the prejudices and
dissatisfactions
of a greedy and unjust world,
forgive us and heal us, O God.

**All: Christ Jesus is our light and salvation,
of whom shall we be afraid?**

Pastor: If we have performed well in public,
smoothly keeping up appearances,
while our personal faith has grown shabby and weak,
forgive us and return us to you, O God.

**All: Christ Jesus is our light and salvation,
of whom shall we be afraid?**

Pastor: Loving God, you are not impatient and tight-fisted like us,
your generosity flows freely to all your creatures.
We praise you that our sins are forgiven,
and that the future has again become an open door.

**All: Thanks be to you, God of grace and glory!
Through Christ Jesus our Savior.
*Amen!***

(You are invited to the Baptismal Font
to touch the forgiveness offered in the heart of Jesus)

SONG OF RESPONSE

#592 vs 1-2, 4 ***Just As I Am, without One Plea***

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY



SCRIPTURE READING...PSALM 27 (NRSV)

Read by: Carole Morgan (8:15), Sandy Smith (10:45)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING...LUKE 13:31-35 (NRSV)

Read by: Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me;
The Bible tells me so.

MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG #724 vs 1-5 *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

- 1 All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless,
- 2 In your day of loss and sorrow,
in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace, and love retreating,
seek the Lord, who is your life.
- 3 In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
"You must work while it is day."
- 4 For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
off'ring peace from Calv'ry's hill.

5 Risen Lord, shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name "The Lord is there!"

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: Carole Morgan (8:15), Sandy Smith (10:45)

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



GENEROSITY MOMENT...BEYOND

OFFERING RESPONSE #692 *We Are an Offering*

Chorus 1

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

Bridge

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

Chorus 2

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

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 Bell Ensemble ***Festival Capriccio*** Barbara Kinyon

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

PRAYER FOR PEACE

COMMISSIONING SONG #333 *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

Refrain

Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a shelter in a time of storm.

1 No one can do like Jesus,
not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave,
and he raised him from the dead. *Refrain*

2 When Jesus was on earth,
the flesh was very weak;
he took a towel and girded himself
and he washed his disciples' feet. *Refrain*

3 Yonder comes my Savior,
him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory
and the keys of death and hell. *Refrain*

***COMMISSIONING**

Leader: On our journey to the cross, may we exercise our
faith and draw closer to God as we go out to love and serve
the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Minor

JS Bach

PRAYERS

Please pray for Don Gaskin, Don Knight, Marie Fortune, Glenn Richter,
Stacia DeBill, Donna Herschleb and Phyllis Youngdahl

Please pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Kenna Joy Kramer, Grandniece of
Weldon and Mary Allison
Lori Roth, Sister of Sandy Smith
Dick Davis, friend of Donna Herschleb

We pray for all who mourn the death of Ted Bedard , nephew of Tom and Betty Lueders

Gracious and Generous Lord,

We lift before you the Butterfly Preschool – the current children, families and board members and all alumni to these groups.

As these folks know the magical place it is to grow to see YOU in all they do.

As we all prayerfully discern this opportunity to be part of the future of Butterfly with the Beyond campaign, open our hearts to share the treasures you have so richly blessed us.

We are safe and accepted. We are taught to be courageous to love and be the light illuminating the way to righteousness in all we do.

May we try to out give you with a joy to match the giggles we hear everywhere on this campus with your blessings of the little folks being taught your ways, wisdom and words.

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

Altar Care (8:15) Ken and Elnora McDonald;

(10:45) Diane Peterson

Assisting Minister (8:15) Carole Morgan;

(10:45) Sandy Smith

AV (8:15) Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner;

(10:45) Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Lindsay Walsh, Peter Walsh

Hosts (8:15) Megan Getman

Admin Ministry Coordinator Amanda Forsberg

Campus Operations Dave Wegner

Creative Media Dabney Gomes

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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