

March 26, 2022



**DIVINE DIRECTION...
SPIRITUAL EXERCISES TO**

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING...PSALM 32 (NRSV)

Read by: Sandy Smith

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

No Longer Slaves

You unravel me
With a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance
From my enemies
'Til all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again
Into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God (repeat)

You split the sea
So I could walk right through it
My fears are drowned in perfect love
You rescued me
So I could stand and say
I am a child of God (repeat)

I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God (repeat)

I am a child of God

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing

For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

If we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing

Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing

You ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of Hosts His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us

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A Mighty Fortress is our God
His kingdom is forever (repeat)

His kingdom is forever

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Our striving would be losing

GOSPEL READING...LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32 (NRSV)

Read by: Justin Stephens

¹⁵ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the

property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them.¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!’¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;’¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’”²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.’²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;’²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.’³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

We Will Run

Create in me a clean heart, a clean heart
For I have turned my face from You
Save us from our ways oh God, oh God
For we have turned away from You
Lord have mercy

We will run to you, we will run to you
Turning from our sin we return to You
Father heal your world, make all things new
Make all things new

Your love and mercy build and shape us
Break down and recreate us now
Lord have mercy

We will run to you, we will run to you
Turning from our sin we return to You
Father heal your world, make all things new
Make all things new (repeat)

Oh, bring us back to you
Oh, bring us back to you
Oh, bring us back to you

MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

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.”*

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

CLOSING PRAYER Led by: Sandy Smith

THANK OFFERING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION WEEKEND, APRIL 1-3

Friday, April 1st 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Join us and welcome Bohdan Hroboň, President of the Center for Christian Education, in Martin, Slovakia as he updates us on the status of Ukrainian refugees impact and the progress of the Christian Education in Slovakia!

Saturday, April 2nd 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Seminar/Teaching on Isaiah 53. Enjoy breakfast tacos and coffee!

Saturday, April 2nd 5:30 p.m. Outdoor Worship
“Butterfly Saturday” - Bring Your Own Picnic!

Sunday, April 3rd 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship
Enjoy Breakfast and Fellowship!

BENEDICTION

PRAYERS

Please pray for Don Gaskin, Don Knight, Marie Fortune,
Stacia and Walter DeBill and Sandy Nielsen

Please pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Kenna Joy Kramer, Grandniece of Weldon and Mary Allison
Lori Roth, Sister of Sandy Smith

We pray for those who mourn the death of Joe Pyle, father of David Nelson. We give thanks for Joe's life and entrust him into God's mercy as we await the hope of resurrection.

Dear Lord, we ask that you continue to bless our ministry, Shepherd of the Hills Butterfly Christian Preschool! You've given us an amazing campus and extraordinary people and congregation that fully supports this ministry. We ask that you continue to bless this mission; the teachers that lovingly care for our children, for the administration that pours into the teachers, the parents, the children, and all who care so much for this powerful Christian Preschool! We pray that you continue to guide us forward as we open a new chapter in this rich environment where all generations contribute to a future beyond measure Thank you for giving us Butterfly.

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.

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
Contemporary Worship Leader	Justin Stephens
Guitar/Vocals	Josh Norem
Hospitality Hosts	Sandy and Larry Smith
Admin Ministry Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Operations	Dave Wegner
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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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