

March 27, 2022



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

GATHERING MUSIC

Great is Thy Faithfulness arr Dan Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP... based on Luke 15 - by Nancy Townley

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling
 love of God.

**All: For once we were lost and felt so far away;
 now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you
 forever.

**All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and
 hope!
 Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of
 Love.**

OPENING HYMN #733 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
 thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS...sources: <http://www.cptryon.org/prayer/season/sunday-lent/4c.html> & Henrietta Stith Andrews

Pastor: How easily we leave your side, Lord God,
for a place far away.

**All: We are blind in our darkness;
open our eyes to our sins.**

Pastor: Unless you strengthen our spirits
and create our hearts anew,
we cannot make the journey home.

**All: Guide us to your welcoming arms;
to the music and the dancing,
for we are easily lost,
and only you, our loving God,
can find us.**

(Silence)

Pastor: Friends in Christ, when we are lost, all is not lost.
God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,
Gathering us in as people of hope.
Let us rejoice in God's mercy!

All: Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE #581 *YOU ARE MINE*

1 "I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."

2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."

Refrain

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

3 "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name." Refrain

4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!" Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

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!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING...PSALM 32 (NRSV)

Read by: (8:15) Larry Wikelius, Herb Palmer (10:45)

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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

5 Choir members: Jennifer Arndt, Richard Arndt, Diane Peterson, Nancy Etzler, Judy Haugen along with Music Director, Kevin McClure will be performing "**THE PRODIGAL SON RAP**". This well known story has been translated into rhythmic rhyme in 21st century language.

MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG #608 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
 calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
 watching for you and for me.

Refrain

"Come home, (Come home,
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*
- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

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) Herb Palmer

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...Cancer Support Group and PALS

OFFERING RESPONSE #692 *We Are an Offering*

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

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

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

8:15 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
10:45 Bell Ensemble *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

PRAYER FOR PEACE

COMMISSIONING SONG #768 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

3 I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

COMMISSIONING

Leader: As you welcomed home the lost son, may we find our home in the embrace of your love. And, may that love inspire us to share that love with our family, friends, and neighbors.

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

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Paul Manz

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

Preaching Pastor Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure

Trumpet (10:45) Bob Cannon

Altar Care (8:15) Tom and Betty Lueders; (10:45) Carmen Adams-Schulz

Assisting Minister (8:15) Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Herb Palmer

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

(10:45) Bill and Sara Dawson, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh
and Dave Wegner

Flowers Given by David and Cindy Nelson in loving memory of Joe Pyle

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!

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran

3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin TX

+1 512-327-3370

www.shephills.org