

May 8, 2022

# Wrestling with Doubt - Finding Faith



**GATHERING MUSIC** *Jesus Remains My Joy* J.S. Bach

## **CALL TO WORSHIP...PSALM 98:1-6**

Written by Thom Shuman

Leader: Sing to God a brand-new song. God has made a world of wonders! God rolled up sleeves to set things right. God made history with salvation, showed the world what could be done. God remembered to love us, a bonus to God's dear family, Israel—steadfast love.

The whole earth comes to attention. Look—God's work of salvation! Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band! Round up an orchestra to play for God, add on a hundred-voice choir. Feature trumpets and big trombones, fill the air with praises to our Creator God.

## **OPENING HYMN**

**#858** vss 1, 2 & 4 ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and  
salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

### **LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

Pastor: Mothers come in many different forms,  
and today we celebrate them all!

Leader: Mothering God,

**All: We draw on the image of you as one who nurtures,  
who gathers, who protects.**

Leader: We pray for those women who have nurtured us as  
mothers  
and who are no longer with us and whom we miss dearly.

We reflect upon those women who have influenced our  
own lives in so many ways, and we give thanks.

**All: We pray for the women around the world  
who are working long days and nights to raise their  
children right now.**

**SONG OF RESPONSE #419** vss 1-2 ***For All the Faithful Women***

1 For all the faithful women  
who served in days of old,  
to you shall thanks be given;  
to all, their story told.

They served with strength and gladness  
in tasks your wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness,  
proclaimed your pow'r to save.

2 O God, for saints and servants,  
those named and those unknown,  
in whom through all the ages  
your light of glory shone,

we offer glad thanksgiving  
and fervent prayer we raise  
that, faithful in your service,  
our lives may sing your praise.

Leader: We pray for the mothers around the world.

**All: We pray for mothers who have fled violence and difficult situations, including refugees who have been separated from their children. We pray for mothers living in uncertainty and facing the unknown.**

Leader: We pray for those who step in to help with the care and nurture of the children, including extended family,

**All: We pray for the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care. We give thanks for these mothers with hearts so big.**

Leader: We pray for those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.  
We pray for strength and courage for the mothers who have faced grief and loss.

We pray for women whose children have grown and whom they now seldom see.  
We pray for mothers who are at a distance from their children.

**All: We pray for all the women who didn't have children of their own, but choose to be a mother figure for others. We thank God for the moms, grandmothers, great-grandmothers everywhere.**

**SONG OF RESPONSE #419** vss 3 & 6 ***For All the Faithful Women***

3 We praise your name for Miriam,  
who sang triumphantly  
while Pharaoh's vaunted army  
lay drowned beneath the sea.

As Israel marched to freedom,  
her chains of bondage gone,  
so may we reach the kingdom  
your mighty arm has won.

6 We honor faithful Mary,  
fair maiden, full of grace.  
She bore the Christ, our brother,  
who saved our human race.

May we, with her, surrender  
ourselves to your command  
and lay upon your altar  
our gifts of heart and hand.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in Scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Mary. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples . . . We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say —Yes to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## **WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

All Church Serve, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m.

Butterfly Center Renewal Ground-Breaking on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:15 a.m.

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Charlie and Alana Oehler, Paula Disbrowe and Flannery Norman

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Distribution of Carnations

## **SCRIPTURE READING... BASED ON ACTS 10** (NRSV)

Told by: Pr. Tom Grevlos

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**      *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

**MESSAGE** Pr. Tom Grevlos **“Cornelius in Caesarea”**

**MESSAGE SONG**

***Speak O Lord***

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

## **CHRIST HYMN CREED...** based on Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **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](https://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** Baby Care Kits

**Sponsor a LWR  
Baby Care Kit**

**\$50 sponsors a kit; goal of 100 kits!**

**Great Gift for Mother's Day!**

Visit the table in the Gathering Space for more information.



## OFFERING MUSIC

8:15 Choir *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Alice Parker

10:45 *Mothering God* arr. D. Cherwein

## 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** *Blessed Spring* arr. D. Cherwein

**COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**COMMISSIONING HYMN #720** *We Are Called*

Verse 1

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

Verse 2

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

**COMMISSIONING**

Leader: Called and Commissioned by the Crucified and Risen Christ,  
let us take our worship into our daily lives. Let us go in  
peace, to love and serve the Lord...

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

**POSTLUDE      *Trumpet Processional*      Al Fedak**

**PRAYERS**

**Please pray** for Sandy Nielsen, Rodney Varner, Tom Smith, Walter and Stacia DeBill, and Cole Bishop.

**Please pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members: Gabe Collins, grandson of Sharon Collins.

**We give thanks** to you God for the gift of our faith community, the Body of Christ. For all who have been here for many years and for those who are more recent members. We especially give thanks for our new members received today;, Charlie and Alana, Paula and Flannery. May you walk with them in their faith journey and use us to support, encourage, and love them.

**We celebrate** with Matthew and Hays McKenzie the gift of Holy Baptism. Be with them on their journey and may they know your promise of love throughout their lives.

**We celebrate** the birth of William Paul O'Brien, son of Rob and Jenna O'Brien and grandson of Mark and Kathy Gerhardt. We pray for him to grow in faith, hope, and love throughout his life.

**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**

<b>Pastors</b>	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
<b>Preaching</b>	Pr. Tom Grevlos
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Trumpet</b>	Andy Cheetham
<b>Altar Care (8:15)</b>	Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Weldon and Mary Allison
<b>Assisting Minister (8:15)</b>	Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Herb Palmer
<b>AV (8:15)</b>	Dave Wegner and Pete Forsberg;
	(10:45) Pete Forsberg, Joel Timmons, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols and Peter Walsh
<b>Food For Fellowship</b>	Bob and Judy Haugen
<b>Hosts (8:15)</b>	Terrie Thomas; (10:45) The Robertson Family
<b>Admin Ministry Coordinator</b>	Amanda Forsberg
<b>Campus Operations</b>	Dave Wegner
<b>Creative Media</b>	Dabney Gomes
<b>Director of Youth Ministry</b>	Joel Timmons
<b>Executive Director</b>	Bill Dawson
<b>Financial Officer</b>	Kevin Marlow

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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**Welcome Charlie and Alana Oehler**  
Alana and Charlie have been married for 36 years. Charlie is an Aggie, and retired Chemical Engineer, and Alana taught high school Family & Consumer Studies for 30+ years. Both are still employed part-time to keep busy. Alana serves as a Stephen Minister at her previous congregation.



**Welcome Paula Disbrowe and Flannery Norman**

Paula works in the culinary world, as a writer, cookbook author, and now as the Executive Chef for Fire and Smoke Society. Flannery attends Ann Richards, is a voracious reader, and especially enjoys the classics - Jane Austin is a favorite. Their family also includes husband and dad David Norman and child Wyatt, plus two cats and two dogs!

