

November 20, 2022

“Dear God, Thank You”

GATHERING MUSIC University of Texas Trombone Choir *Eclipse*

CALL TO WORSHIP...Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

OPENING HYMN #689 vv 1-2 & 4 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HOLY GOSPEL...Luke 15:1-10 The Message

Pastor: By this time a lot of men and women of doubtful reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.”

Their grumbling triggered this story. “Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing,

and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ Count on it—there’s more joy in heaven over one sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

“Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she’ll call her friends and neighbors: ‘Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!’

Count on it—that’s the kind of party God’s angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE *Sanctuary*

MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG Bell Choir *Now Thank We All Our God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GENEROSITY IMPACT

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU PRAYER

COMMISSIONING HYMN

#694 SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST

COMMISSIONING

Leader: We are the lost and found! As Christ has found us and saved us, so we live in joy and thanks-giving for the great gift. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, living and giving in abundance!

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

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner, Shirley Murray, Marc Wissman,
And Curtis Johnson.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Rick Mast, brother-in-law of Judy Haugen

Sophie Ahumada, granddaughter of Nader and Debra Ayoub

Adryana Aldeen, Director of Advancement at Mariposa

We pray for the people of Ukraine caught in the middle of war and violence. Our hearts break when women and children are displaced and families torn apart by the evil actions of others. May you break open hearts so that swords may be beat into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks.

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.

We pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

We pray that our faith community make a saintly difference that we may behold and courageous in our generosity. May the pledges we make be a sign of our gratitude and love. May we say Thank You with humble hearts and renewed commitment to being a beacon of hope in the world!

We 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

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"In loving Memory of Russell W. Neuhaus."

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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