

November 6, 2022

## “Dear God, Thank You”

**GATHERING MUSIC** Shana Norton, harp

### **CALL TO WORSHIP...Dear God, Thank You**

based on Revelation 7: 9-12

**Leader:** And I looked,  
and there was a great crowd that no one could  
number.  
They were from every nation, tribe, people and  
language.  
They were standing before the throne and  
before the Lamb,  
wearing white robes and holding palm branches  
in their hands.  
And they cried out with a loud voice:

**Choir:** **Dear God, Thank You! Victory belongs to our  
God who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb!**

**Leader:** And the angels fell facedown before the throne  
and worshipped God, saying:

**All:           Dear God, Thank You!**  
**Blessing and glory and wisdom and**  
**thanksgiving and honor and power and might**  
**be to our God forever and ever.**  
**Amen!**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

Pastor:       Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change,  
we thank you for the gift of life eternal,

**All:           and for all those who, having served you well,**  
**now rest from their labors.**

Pastor:       We thank you for all the saints remembered and  
forgotten,  
for those dear souls most precious to us.  
Today we give thanks for those who during the last twelve  
months have died and entered into your grace and glory.

*Names mentioned here/Candle & Bell Toll....*

*Members of our Faith Community 2022:*

*Elnora McQuiston*

*Don Knight*

*Don Gaskin*

*Tom Smith*

*Sandy Nielsen*

*Family and Friends of Our Community:*

*Frank Drew, Sr, husband of Carol Drew  
David Worlow, brother-in-law of Debra Ayoub  
Paul Pederson, brother of Leila Tackett  
Wayne Manthei, uncle of Mark Gerhardt  
Dave Michna, brother of Karen Stern  
Ellsworth Tonn, cousin of Judy Moore  
John Pollock, father of Deb Pollock Darnell  
Ted Bedard, nephew of Tom and Betty Lueders  
Joe Pyle, father of David Nelson  
Jamie Smith, husband of Shannon "Doe" Smith  
Carol Spielberger, sister-in-law of Anita Knight  
Barbara "Tommi" Femrite, sister-in-law of  
Diane Peterson  
Larry Loomel, brother-in-law of Diane Peterson  
Mary Ann Wissman, aunt of Marc Wissman  
Tom Moore, stepfather of Dabney Gomes  
Shirley Lunecki, mother-in-law of Audrey Lunecki  
Bill Hudnall, brother of Tom Hudnall  
Kenna Joy Kramer, grandniece of  
Weldon and Mary Allison*

**All: We bless you for their life and love,  
and rejoice for them "all is well,  
and all manner of things will be well."**

**Pastor:** God in Flesh, Jesus -- mindful of all those who have gone on before us -- teach us, and disciples of every race and place to follow their example to the best of our ability.

**All:** To feed the poor in body or spirit, to support and comfort the mourners and the repentant, to encourage the meek and stand with them in crisis, to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, to cherish and learn from the merciful, to be humbled by, and stand with the peacemakers. Amen.

~ adapted from Bruce Prewer

**HYMN OF FAITH #422** vs 1-2, 6-7 *For All the Saints*

(You are invited to bring forward your memento and place it on a table as you light a candle in memory of the saints in your life.)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

*Save the Date*

Sunday, November 20  
One Worship | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

*“Dear God, Thank you!”*

All-In-One  
Celebration Worship | Brunch | Congregation Meeting

ALL SAINTS DAY  
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

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A poignant service for those mourning the loss of loved ones.  
A light supper will be served following the service.

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Today at 4:00pm  
Memorial Garden

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE READING...PSALM 30 NRSV

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the temple. Of David.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
'I shall never be moved.'

By your favor, O Lord,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried,  
and to the Lord I made supplication:

'What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!

You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

***Sextet in A-Flat* Beethoven**

**Tom Hale and Jill Rodriguez, French Horn soloists**

## **HOLY GOSPEL...Matthew 11:28-30** NRSV

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** Pr. Tom Grevlos ***From Deserving to Grace***

## **MESSAGE SONG**

**#779** vs 1,2 & 5 ***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound***

**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 slave, 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

### 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).
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- Drop in secure offering boxes located by main Sanctuary doors.



### GENEROSITY IMPACT Legacy Giving

### OFFERING SONG

**#531** vs 1-2 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### 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/Grape Juice— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

**COMMUNION SPECIAL MUSIC** Tara Grove, soloist *Pie Jesu Faure*

**COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**COMMISSIONING HYMN #669** *Rise Up, O Saints of God*

## **COMMISSIONING**

**Leader:** For all the saints, we give thanks and praise. In the grace and mercy of God, we all live as forgiven and renewed saints, filled with hope and peace, sharing the love of Christ with the world!

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

**POSTLUDE** *Psalm 19* **B. MARCELLO**



**PRAYERS** *\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

**We pray** for Rodney Varner and Shirley Murray

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Marcee Caughlin, mother of Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Linda Strand-Squires, sister of Laura Hills

Adryana Aldeen, Director of Advancement at Mariposa

Everett Smith, grandson of Kathie Smith

**We pray** for Mary and Weldon Allison and family on the death of Grandniece, Kenna Joy Kramer. May the promise of life eternal through Jesus, the Lord of Life, give peace and hope.

**We pray** for our local, state, and national elections, that there be an end to violence of words and actions and the sin of hatred and malice be replaced with cooperation and goodness for the common good of all.

**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!

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

**Pastors** Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure

**Musicians** Antonio Cevallos, violin  
Shawn Somerville, viola  
David Dawson, bass  
Stephen and Erna Buckles, (viola and cello)  
Shana Norton, harp  
Bob Cannon, trumpet  
Tom Hale and Jill Rodriguez, French Horn

**Acolyte** (8:15) Austin Eckermann; (10:45) Alicia Calvo

**Altar Care** (8:15) ;(10:45)

**Assisting Minister** (8:15) Tim Stein; (10:45) Herb Palmer

**AV** (8:15) Dave Wegner; (10:45) Peter Walsh,  
Jamie Nichols, Jonathan Wolff, Pete Forsberg, Bill Dawson  
and Dave Wegner

**Bread** Kitt Richter

**Communion Servers** (8:15) ; (10:45)

**Food For Fellowship** Joan and Bob Vorkoper

**Hosts** (8:15) ; (10:45)

**Tellers**

**Admin Ministry Coordinator** Amanda Forsberg

**Campus Operations** Dave Wegner

**Creative Media** Dabney Gomes

**Student Ministry Coordinator** Joel Timmons

**Executive Director** Bill Dawson

**Finance Controller** Kevin Marlow

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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