

February 12, 2023

# “Lights! Action!”

**GATHERING MUSIC** Bob Cannon *Trumpet March* JS Bach

## **CALL TO WORSHIP...DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20**

Pastor: See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

Leader: But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.  
I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

## **OPENING HYMN #532    *I Then Shall Live***

### **TIME OF HONESTY** (adapted from Walter Brueggemann)

Leader:    The world of fast money,  
              and loud talk,  
              and much hype is upon us.

**All:            We will eat and drink,  
                  and gamble and laugh,  
                  and cheer and boo,  
                  and marvel and then yawn.**

Leader:    We show up, most of us, for such a spectacle,  
              for noisy clashing bodies,  
              collisions and violence within rules,  
              and money and merchandise and music.

**All:            And you, O God—today like every day—  
                  you govern and watch and summon;  
                  you are glad when there is joy in the earth,  
                  But you notice our liturgies of disregard and  
                  our litanies of selves made too big,  
                  our fascination with entertainment and glitz  
                  and lust for victory and for big bucks.**

Leader:    We pause to be mindful of our basic humanity,  
              our commonality with all that is small and vulnerable  
              exposed, your creatures called to obedience and praise.  
              Give us some distance from the noise,  
              some reserve about the loud success of the day,  
              that we may remember that our life consists  
              not in things we consume  
              but in neighbors we embrace.

**All:            Be our good neighbor that we may practice your  
                  neighborly generosity all through our needy  
                  neighborhoods. Amen, let it be so!**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**     *Kyrie Eleison*

(You are invited to the Baptismal font to touch the waters of  
God's presence of love and grace.)

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Earthquake in Turkey, BeReal Appliances

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **HOLY GOSPEL...**

**MATTHEW 5:21-22, 27-28, 33-35, 38-41, 43-45a** NRSV

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’

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But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire.

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“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you,

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Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

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“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SONG OF RESPONSE**     *Every time I Feel the Spirit*

**MESSAGE** Pr. Tom Grevlos     *Super Bowl of Faith!*

**MESSAGE SONG** vv 1, 2, 4     *Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**GENEROSITY IMPACT** Austin City Lutherans - Bread For All  
Souper Bowl of Caring proceeds go to Bread For All.

**THANK OFFERING/LOVE OFFERING**

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: [shephills.org/give](http://shephills.org/give).
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
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**OFFERING RESPONSE**

8:15 **#692**     *We Are An Offering*

10:45 Bells     *Amazing Grace*     arr Hart Morris

**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 Bob Cannon

***Precious Lord***

10:45 Choir

***Precious Lord*** Thomas Dorsey

Ben Eckermann

***Ave Maria*** Bach/Gounod

## **POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG #866**    *We Are Marching in the Light*

### **COMMISSIONING**

Leader:    As we go out from this place, we are strengthened and  
              carried by the light of God to spread the Good News of  
              Jesus to the world!

**ALL:**        **Thanks be to God...And We Will!**

**POSTLUDE** Bob Cannon        *Rigadoun*    Campra

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner, Callie Ray Bell, Eric Paul and Jan Wilson.

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

Marie Lindstrom, sister of Linda Fiandaca.

Linda and Tom Ferris, sister and brother-in-law of Jennifer Arndt

**We give thanks** for the birth of Viola Ruth Theard, daughter of Kafuki Dogale-Theard and Aaron Theard, sister of Apollo. We pray blessings on Viola as she grows, and on her whole family as they surround her in love.

**We pray** for Peter Nuernberg and family on the death of his mother, Carmen Nuernberg **and** for Bonnie Ensrude and Kristen Murray and family on the death of her mother/grandmother, June Nelson. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

Merciful and Loving God, as war and violence rages in Ukraine and other parts of the world, we pray that leaders of the world will practice peace-making, bringing together people of every tribe and race under the umbrella of your amazing grace.

**We pray** for the countries of Turkey and Syria as they cope with the devastation of the recent earthquake. Surround with your mercy and comfort all grieving the loss of loved ones. Give strength and courage to rebuild lives. Use us in our prayers and through prayer leading to action inspire our own generous support. May we remember Jesus' words, "As you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me."

**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** 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  
**Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure  
**Bells and Choir (10:45)**  
**Cello** (10:45) Ben Eckermann  
**Trumpet** Bob Cannon  
**Acolyte (10:45)** Austin Eckermann  
**Altar Steward (8:15)** Elnora and Ken McDonald; (10:45)  
**Assisting Minister (8:15)** Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Alana Oehler  
**AV** Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh,  
Jonathan Wolff, Vince and Jake Yokubaitis, Pete Forsberg  
and Alison Cannon  
**Bread** Kitt Richter  
**Communion Assistant**  
(8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald, Larry Wikelius;  
(10:45) Alana and Charlie Oehler, Keaton Robertson  
**Food For Fellowship** Mark Tate and Michael Watt  
**Hosts (8:15)** Larry and Sandy Smith;  
(10:45) Virginia Bosman and Robertson family  
**Tellers (10:45)** Virginia Bosman and Melissa Robertson  
**Admin Ministry Coordinator** Amanda Forsberg  
**Campus Operations** Dave Wegner  
**Communications Director** Dabney Gomes  
**Student Ministry Coordinator** Joel Timmons  
**Executive Director** Bill Dawson  
**Finance Controller** Kevin Marlow  
**Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator** Megan Getman  
**Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director** Rebecca Guengerich

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