

February 5, 2023

“Lights! Action!”

GATHERING MUSIC *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

CONFESSION

Pastor: Our reading from Isaiah today calls us to repentance:

Leader: “Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

All: ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’

Leader: “Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Pastor: “Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual
must be lived out in compassion and justice:

Leader: When we forget the fast you desire—

**All: To do justice, and stand up for the powerless:
Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: When we forget the prayer you love—

**All: To show compassion, and care for those in need:
Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: When we forget the rituals you require—

**All: To create relationships of righteousness and peace:
Lord have mercy.**

Pastor: The love of God revealed in Jesus
forgives us, heals us and sets us free to rebuild, restore,
and raise up foundations for new generations.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #532 *Gather Us In*

(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

Souper Bowl of Caring, (8:15) Whitney Myers, Congregational Meeting
10:45 Greeting from Scouts

SCRIPTURE SONG vv 1-2 *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

HOLY GOSPEL...MATTHEW 5:13-20 NRSV

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE SONG vv 3-4 ***Bring Forth the Kingdom***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

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MESSAGE SONG #815 ***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING RESPONSE #692 ***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

Here I Am, Lord Arr. Mark Hayes

10:45 Choir

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POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #677 *This Little Light of Mine*

COMMISSIONING

Leader: As we learn how to better follow Jesus, help us remember that You have created us to season the world with Your love and your light is already been planted in us to shine in the world.

Remembering this fact of faith, let us now go out to love and serve the Lord!

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

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Callie Ray Bell

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

Carmen Nuernberg, mother of Peter Nuernberg.

Glenda Rumble, cousin of Terrie Thomas.

Sophie Ahumada, granddaughter of Nader and Debra Ayoub

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.

God, we lift up to you our Austin area community after the winter storm this week. For those who have been without power and other necessities, and for the distress this creates, we pray for your peace

and strength. For work crews and emergency responders who have tended to the needs of the community, we give you thanks. For the tree limbs and branches we have watched fall under the weight of ice, we pray for renewed creation and for swift recovery efforts. Use us as your salt and light in the world, helping others and sharing your love. 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 communities recently traumatized by mass shootings. We pray for the end of senseless violence, including the violence of abuse, the violence of words that spread lies and destroy reputations, and the violence of attitudes toward other people who are different than ourselves.

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

Acolyte (10:45) Alicia Calvo

Altar Steward

(8:15) Nancy and Denny Etzler; (10:45) Jennifer and Richard Arndt

Assisting Minister (8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Karen Stern

AV Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh,
Jonathan Wolff, Vince and Jake Yokubaitis, Pete Forsberg

Bread Kitt Richter

Communion Assistant

(8:15) Nancy and Denny Etzler; (10:45) Alicia Calvo, Karen Stern

Flowers Given by Pete Forsberg, in honor of his wife Amanda Forsberg
for her birthday.

Food For Fellowship Joan and Bob Vorkoper

Hosts

(10:45) Carlos and Christine Stern Calvo, Anne and Jerry McDonald

Tellers (10:45) Christine Stern Calvo, Anne McDonald

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

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

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