

March 12, 2023

“This is Our Story, This is My Song”

GATHERING MUSIC Bob Cannon *Amazing Love*

CALL TO WORSHIP...PSALM 95:1-3, 6-7 NRSV

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

OPENING HYMN #779 vv 1, 2, 4 *Amazing Grace*

TIME OF HONESTY

Leader: O God, You who are always doing a new thing,

**All: we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people’s worries,
against the winds of change.**

Leader: God of every place and time,
**All: we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news of human suffering or community
concerns.**

Leader: Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.
All: Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through.

...time of silent prayer...

Pastor: God comes to us to change our hearts, breaking them
open in compassion and love. God comes to us on the
cross to forgive us and create in us new hearts.

SONG OF RESPONSE #801 *Change My Heart, O God*

(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

8:15 - Homelessness Initiative, Women's Retreat, 10:45 - Personal Care Kits

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

SCRIPTURE READING...ROMANS 3:21-26 NRSV

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been
disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the
righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction,

since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;

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it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE SONG *Wind of the Spirit*

HOLY GOSPEL...JOHN 8:1-11 NRSV

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them.

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The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.

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Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

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When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

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Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pastor Tim Anderson

MESSAGE SONG vv 1 & 3 *Amazing Love*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER SONG *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER SONG *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

THANK OFFERING

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8:15 **OFFERING RESPONSE #188** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

10:45 Bell Ensemble *Suo Gan* Arr Anne Krentz Organ

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 ELW pg. 191 *Lamb of God*

8:15 Bob Cannon *Thee We Adore*

10:45 Choir *Thee We Adore* Arr. Ralph Johnson

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #768 vv 1 & 3 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

COMMISSIONING

Leader: Forgiven and set free from our sin, we are called by Jesus to live in love--serving, caring, feeding, and tending. We are called to see others as Christ sees all of us: beloved. So we now go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

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

POSTLUDE Bob Cannon *Blessed Assurance*

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner.

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 celebrate the birth of Tobias James Hartmann, son of Molly and Madeline Hartmann, brother of Coraline. We pray for Tobias as he grows, and that we may surround him in love and prayers throughout his life.

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 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
Preacher	Pr. Tim Anderson
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Trumpet	Bob Cannon
Altar Steward (8:15); (10:45)	Linda Roesle
Assisting Minister (8:15)	Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Herb Palmer
AV	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Vince and Jake Yokubaitis, Pete Forsberg
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Assistant (8:15)	Larry Wikelius;
(10:45)	Herb Palmer, Linda Roesle
Food For Fellowship	the Wissman family
Hosts (8:15)	Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Virginia Bosman, the Auby family
Tellers (10:45)	Virginia Bosman
Admin Ministry Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Operations	Dave Wegner
Communications Director	Dabney Gomes
Program 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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