

March 19, 2023-01

# “This is Our Story, This is My Song”

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *Prelude in A Minor* JS Bach

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader:    Holy God, Creator of Life,  
              you call us out of our dark places,  
              offering us the grace of new life.  
              When we see nothing but hopelessness,  
              you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.  
              Call us out of our complacency and routines,  
              set us free from our self-imposed bonds,  
              and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace.

**OPENING HYMN #526** vv 1-3    *God Is Here!*

## **TIME OF HONESTY**

Leader:    Holy Jesus,  
              we confess that we fail to question our own  
              sightlessness.  
              Being so sure that we “see,”  
              we miss the truths you would teach us.

**All:**           **With the extravagance of your love, cure this blindness.  
Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,  
our own failures and our own faults.**

*...time of silent prayer...*

**Pastor:**       By the grace and mercy of God, Jesus forgives us, heals us,  
and restores us  
In the name of Jesus, we pray...

**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**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READING...EPHESIANS 5:8-14 NRSV**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG** *Open Our Eyes, Lord vs 1*

**HOLY GOSPEL...JOHN 9** NRSV

**SCRIPTURE SONG** *Open Our Eyes, Lord vs 1*

**MESSAGE** Pastor Tom Grevlos

**MESSAGE SONG**

**#843** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

**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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**GENEROSITY IMPACT** March is National Disability Awareness Month.

**OFFERING RESPONSE**

8:15 Bell Ensemble *Suo Gan* Arr Anne Krentz Organ

10:45 **#188** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

## 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 Choir ***Thee We Adore*** Arr. Ralph Johnson

10:45 Kristina and Lila Bishop

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

### **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG #325**    *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

### **COMMISSIONING**

Leader:    Jesus reaches out to us in great love, opening our eyes to see him, opening our hearts to receive him. We are called to share the Good News with a world that needs to hear it. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE**        *Toccata in D Minor* Heinrich Scheidemann

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner.

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

Marie Lindstrom, sister of Linda Fiandaca.

Linda Ferris, sister of Jennifer Arndt.

Brenda Hearn, daughter of Wanda Lowke.

**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.

**We pray** for Jennifer Arndt on the death of her brother-in-law, Tom Ferris. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

God, be with our NextGen students: Clay Bishop, Isaac Bishop, Alicia Calvo, Jonathan Davies, Sawyer Dertien, Jake DeVaney, Luke Hansen, Alex Nuernberg, Andrew Nuernberg and Keaton Robertson and leaders: Amy Bishop, Christine Stern-Calvo and Joel Timmons who are at Ebert Ranch for the Confirmation Retreat. May you work in their hearts and minds. May they learn and grow closer to you and to their faith community.

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  
**Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure  
**Altar Steward** (8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald; (10:45)  
**Assisting Minister** (8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Alana Oehler  
**AV** Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh,  
Jonathan Wolff, Vince and Jake Yokubaitis, Pete Forsberg  
**Bread** Kitt Richter  
**Communion Assistant**  
(8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald and Nancy Etzler;  
(10:45) Alana and Charlie Oehler,  
**Food For Fellowship** Bob and Judy Haugen  
**Hosts** (8:15) Kitt Richter;  
(10:45) Jeri Porter, Anne and Jerry McDonald  
**Tellers** (10:45) Jeri Porter, Anne and Jerry McDonald  
**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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