

March 26, 2023

“This is Our Story, This is My Song”

GATHERING MUSIC

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Isaiah 43: 19-21 - from Sojourn Music

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

All: **We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy
to flow in the wasteland.

All: **We are the people God has formed through Christ;
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: **We praise God for the grace that has saved us.
We rejoice!**

OPENING HYMN #322 vv 1, 5, 6 ***Oh Love, How Deep***

TIME OF HONESTY

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

All: Amen.

Leader: We acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Gracious God,

All: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE #328 vv 1 & 3 *Restore in Us, O God*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Lent Mid-Week, Holy week, Easter Sunday

Flowers Given by the Tate family in honor of Ben's baptism, "May you always remember this day, and may God's joy, love and peace fill you through all your tomorrows."

10:45 **HOLY BAPTISM**

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Benjamin Douglas Tate , son of Lauren and Andrew Tate. Ben was born on October 10, 2019. His baptismal sponsors are Hilary Tate Scheaffer & William Josphe (“BJ”) Scheaffer.

10:45 **SONG OF RESPONSE #456** vv 1 & 3 *Baptized in Water*

8:15 **SCRIPTURE SONG #485** v 4 *I Am the Bread of Life*

HOLY GOSPEL...JOHN 11:1-44 Free Bible Images

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE #485 v 5 *I Am the Bread of Life*

8:15 **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Megan Getman

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG #638 vv 1 & 3 *Blessed Assurance*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER SONG *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/give.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746
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GENEROSITY IMPACT Mariposa Family Learning Center

All Mid-Week Lenten and Easter Day special offerings support ELCA World Hunger and Mariposa Family Learning Center.

OFFERING RESPONSE 10:45 Children's Choir

Love, Love, Love

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

Wondrous Love

Arr. Samuel Barber

10:45 Choir

Wondrous Love

Arr. Parker/Shaw

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #333 *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

COMMISSIONING ~ from *Come Out! On the Breath of God, Service Prayers for the fifth Sunday of Lent*, written by the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley.

Leader: Come out! Jesus commands,

**ALL: And calls us from the tombs of our existence
into the brightness of a new day.**

Leader: Come out! Jesus cries,

ALL: And unbinds us from the chains of our past.

Leader: So...Go out!

ALL: Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!

Leader: Go out!

**ALL: Into a world that needs the Spirit of God,
carried on our lips and in our loving arms.**

Leader: Go out!

ALL: Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!

Leader: Go out and go on the breath of God's holy wind!

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

POSTLUDE *Prelude in F Minor JS Bach*

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Brenda Hearn, daughter of Wanda Lowke.

Richard South, nephew of Sylvia and Curtis Johnson.

Matt Simon, father of Katie Jones.

Krista Bowers, niece of Herb and Kathy Palmer.

Henry Land, father of Amanda Land Palmer.

We pray for:

Jennifer Arndt on the death of her brother-in-law,

Tom Ferris.

Kathie Smith on the death of her brother, Fred Stowe.

Judy Haugen and family on the death of her brother-in-law,

Mike Morgan.

Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

We pray in celebration for the baptism of Benjamin Douglas Tate, son of Lauren and Andrew Tate.

God, be with our 11 NextGen students and 3 leaders who are traveling back from Ebert Ranch for the Confirmation Retreat.

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) Kitt Richter; (10:45)

Assisting Minister (8:15) Sandy Smith; (10:45) Herb Palmer

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

Bread Barb Hampton

Communion Assistant

(8:15) Sandy Smith, Kitt Richter; (10:45) Herb Palmer

Food For Fellowship Janice Benzel

Hosts (8:15) Larry Smith; (10:45) Anita Knight and Connie Astrachan

Tellers (10:45) Anita Knight and Connie Astrachan

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

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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