September 17, 2023

# All Aboard!

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#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **MESSAGE SERIES INTRO - PL**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP video

Assisting Minister: All Aboard! Now is the time to board the boat... All: Praise be to the God who invites us to get on board!

Assisting Minister: The God whose Love dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

All: Praise be to God who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

Praise be to God who continues to dance through our lives even now.

Assisting Minister: Let all that have breath sing praise to God. All Aboard!

**OPENING HYMN #525** 2X You Are Holy

# TIME OF HONESTY

Assisting Minister: In the waters of baptism we have been called to "let our light shine" in this world...

All: For God did not give us a spirit of timidity and apathy, but bold and courageous faith!

Assisting Minister: In the waters of baptism the Spirit calls us to come aboard...

All: We confess that too often we have refused to come aboard, choosing to stand on the shore.

Assisting Minister: In the waters of baptism we are sealed by your promise of Love...

All: Forgive us and change our hearts, mold us as a potter and move us to respond in love toward you and the world.

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

#### SONG OF RESPONSE

 8:15 #592 vv 1, 5, 6
 Just As I Am, Without One Plea

 10:45 Bells
 The Bells Must Ring!

 John Behnke

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### WORDS OF WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY <a href="https://www.shephills.org">shephills.org</a>

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Pam and Jeff Petterson in memory of Pam's mother, Iris Riddle.

Announcements: Conversation Café, Heard, Ignite

#### SCRIPTURE READING...II CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;

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by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

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We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also.

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Assisting Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

#### All: Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE...MATTHEW 8:18-27

SONG OF RESPONSE *Peace, Be Still (3x)* 

**MESSAGE** Pastor Tom Grevlos

The Anchor of Life!

### MESSAGE SONG #597 vv1-4 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Else* APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### THANK OFFERING

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



#### GENEROSITY IMPACT Synergy

Passing of the plates

8:15 OFFERING MUSIC Choir Amazing Grace Arr. Fred Bach
10:45 OFFERING MUSIC
#583 vv 1&2 Take My Life, That I May Be

**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 bob Cannon

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

#### BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #866 vv1,2,3 + special We Are Marching in the Light

#### COMMISSIONING

- Assisting Minister: ALL ABOARD! Let us board the boat of faith and hoist our sails to catch the Spirit as we go out to love and serve the Lord.
- All: Thanks be to God. And, we will!

#### POSTLUDE

### **PRAYERS**

We pray for Rodney Varner.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members: Cara Cothham and Ginger Bingham, friends of Debra Jacobsen. Austin Hart, grandson of Pam Stone, Jazzercise Leader. Karin Livingston, niece of Jennifer Arndt

**God of Life,** we give you thanks for the life and witness of Dorothy Grevlos. Surround Pr. Tom and Jeanne and all the family with an extra measure of comfort and grace.

We give thanks for the life and witness of Iris Riddle, mother of Pam Petterson. May the certain hope that is ours in Christ Jesus give peace to all who grieve.

**God of Peace,** in our countries and cities, our streets and homes, there is conflict. May we come together to end the abuse and misuse of power. May we live out the Biblical vision of "Beating our swords into plowshares, our spears into pruning hooks." Create within us love and grace that leads to peace and good-will.

**God of New Beginnings,** as communities re-build from natural disaster, may you give strength and perseverance to "fight the good fight of faith".

**God of Hope,** strengthen and empower our global ministry partners through the ELCA; Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Continue to walk with Pr. Karen Castillo and Diego Gil and our ministry in Guatemala, as well as Malcolm and Joy Henderson in Haiti. And, guide and direct our local ministries through Austin City Lutherans; Bread for All Food Pantry and Mariposa Family Learning Center.

> \*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.

# **WORSHIP TEAM**

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner **Pastors Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure Accompanist Andrei Zimbalist Acolyte (8:15) Jonathan Davies; (10:45) Alicia Calvo Altar Flowers Given by Pam and Jeff Petterson in memory of Pam's mother, Iris Riddle. Altar Steward (8:15) Sandy Wikelius (10:45)Assisting Minister (8:15) Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Cindy Nelson **AV** Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert Bread Kitt Richter **Communion Assistant** (8:15) Larry and Sandy Wikelius, Jonathan Davies; (10:45) Cindy Nelson, Alicia Calvo Food For Fellowship Judy and Bob Haugen Hosts (8:15); (10:45) Virginia Bosman, Sandy and Larry Smith **Tellers** (8:15); (10:45) Virginia Bosman, Sandy and Larry Smith Admin & Community Life Coordinator Amanda Forsberg **Campus Superintendent** Philip Perry **Digital Ministry & IT Dave Wegner Dabney Gomes Communications Director Program Ministry Coordinator** Joel Timmons **Executive Director Bill Dawson Finance Controller Kevin Marlow Children's Ministry Coordinator** Megan Getman Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director **Rebecca Guengerich** 

# HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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