



September 3, 2023

Bless Lord, our Labor, We Bring to Serve You

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GATHERING MUSIC Andrei Zimbalist

CALL TO WORSHIP...PSALM 107:1-3 NRSV

Assisting Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

OPENING HYMN #641 vv 1, 3-4 *All Are Welcome*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org

Announcements: Heard, Rally Day (Megan Getman), Vintage Friends

BLESSING OF VOCATION Health Care Workers

LITANY OF LABOR HYMN

#689 vv 1 & 2 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

LITANY OF LABOR

Assisting Minister: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.

All: You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and keep it.

Assisting Minister: Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

All: You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

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Assisting Minister: By our labor, you enrich the world.

All: By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

Assisting Minister: By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

All: By our labor, our families are made secure.

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Assisting Minister: For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Assisting Minister: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

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Assisting Minister: For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

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Assisting Minister: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

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Assisting Minister: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

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Assisting Minister: For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

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Assisting Minister: Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

All: Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Assisting Minister: Surround with grace the unemployed and the disabled.

All: Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

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Assisting Minister: Keep us from laboring only for our own purposes.

All: Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

Pastor: Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world.

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Pastor: Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you so that we may serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITANY OF LABOR HYMN

#689 vv 3 & 4 ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ms Jeanne and Mr Crazy Hair

SCRIPTURE READING... PSALM 1 Video

HOLY GOSPEL...MATTHEW 16:21-25 NRSV

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

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But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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Assisting Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE 2X *Step By Step*

MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Grevlos *The Grace and Hard Work of Following Jesus*

MESSAGE SONG #798 vv 1, 2, 5 *The Summons*

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 video

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Passing of the plates

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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.”

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POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

#815 vv 1 & 3 *I Want to Walk as a Child of Light*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: All the work we are sent out to do is an opportunity to love and serve the Lord! Every table at which you will sit this week, be it a school desk, a work bench, a lunch counter, a meeting room table, an office desk, a board across sawhorses, your own kitchen or dining room table; every table is God's altar.

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So we boldly pray, we hold fast to hope, we encourage and provoke one another to put love into action.

All: Thanks be to God. And, we will!

POSTLUDE Andrei Zimbalist

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Alexander Rosas.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Stirling Johnson, granddaughter of Sylvia & Curtis Johnson.

Carol Carlos, mother of Sandy Wikelius.

Cara Cotham and Ginger Bingham, friends of Debra Jacobsen.

We give thanks and praise for the birth of Madelyn Reese O'Brien, newborn daughter of Jenna and Rob O'Brien and grandparents Mark and Kathy Gerhardt. Bless Madelyn on her journey of faith and life.

We pray for the community in Lahina, Hawaii as they grieve the loss of loved ones and begin the process of recovery. And, we pray for the communities in the Southeast as they clean up and recover from the recent hurricane. Give to all a measure of your strength and grace. Use us to support their efforts with prayer that leads to action.

Merciful and Loving God, as war and violence rage 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
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Altar Steward	(8:15) Kitt Richter; (10:45) Diane Peterson
Assisting Minister	(8:15) Tim Stein; (10:45) Karen Stern
AV	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Assistant	(8:15) Tim Stein, Kitt Richter, Megan Getman; (10:45) Karen and John Stern, Diane Peterson
Food For Fellowship	Joan and Bob Vorkoper
Hosts	(8:15) Tiffany Stein, Terrie Thomas (10:45) the Oehler family
Tellers	(8:15) Tim & Tiffany Stein; (10:45) Kristen & Kurt Oehler
Admin & Community Life Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Superintendent	Philip Perry
Digital Ministry & IT	Dave Wegner
Communications Director	Dabney Gomes
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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