



The Fourth Sunday of
Pentecost

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church of Orinda, CA
Sunday, June 20, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC "THOSE WHO SEE LIGHT"
Lyrics and Music by Nancy Elze and Donald Osuna

OUR GATHERING SONG "HERE I AM, LORD" (ELW #574)
Lyrics and Music by D. L. Schutte

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people's cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Chorus: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*
(Chorus)

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*
(Chorus)

OUR OPENING LITURGY

L: Let us confess our sin and our sinfulness to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love Creator God, from the beginnings of time, You have given good gifts to your people,

C: **But we have taken Your gifts and Your blessings for granted, and misused them for our selfish gain. Forgive us.**

L: In the person of your Son Jesus, You gave us life in abundance,

C: **But we have become enamored of definitions of abundance and life which declare You to be false. Forgive us.**

L: By the power of Your Spirit, you have made us recipients of Your amazing grace,

C: **But we have refused to share that grace with others, as if more for others would somehow mean less for us. Forgive us.**

L: People of God, hear an amazing promise. Your sin and your sinfulness are forgiven. For freedom, Christ has set you free. Free to love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength and mind. Free to love your neighbor as yourself. So together, let us pray:

C: **Holy One, You call us to be your light in the darkness, your voice in the wilderness, your hope for the hopeless. Give us strength in our weakness, gentleness in our witness, and humility in our service, that we might embody your love for a broken world. For we ask this in the name of the One who has been with you from the Beginning, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LESSON

1 John 2:12-29

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But by going out they made it plain that none of them belongs to us. But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you

know that no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

I write these things to you concerning those who would deceive you. As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him.

A SONG OF CELEBRATION "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"
Lyrics and Music by Greg Ronning

KIDTALK Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

THE SERMON Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

WORDS TO LIVE BY from 1 John 4

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent God's Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

THE OFFERTORY "LEAN ON ME"
Lyrics and Music by Bill Withers

***Lean on me, when you're not strong,
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For ... it won't be long;
'Til I'm gonna need, somebody to lean on***

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(Utilizing the prayer refrain: "Lord of Love **Hear our prayer**" and concluding with the 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; and 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.

OUR SENDING SONG "TRUST AND OBEY"
Lyrics and Music by Louisa Stead & John H. Sammis

***When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey***

***Refrain: Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey***

***But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay
For the favor He shows
For the joy He bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey*** (Refrain)

***Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do
Where He sends we will go
Never fear, only trust and obey*** (Refrain)

THE CHARGE

Go, in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!
Thanks be to God!

THE SENDING MUSIC "TRUST AND OBEY"

Thank you to this week's Worship Team, including:

Tom Henry – Vocalist, Guitarist and Creative Director
Bethany Valentine – Vocalist
Diana Riveness – Vocalist
Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Marc Levine – Pianist

And a very Happy Father's Day to ALL to whom that term applies!