



*The Thirteenth Sunday of*  
**Pentecost**

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church of Orinda, CA  
August 22, 2021

**Welcome to Worship** with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Amid these days of COVID-19, we welcome some of you in-person and others online (via Facebook @HSLCORinda and our webpage [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org).) In whatever way you join us, may you know God's grace as we worship.

**Please Note** that indoor masking requirements have been reinstated in Contra Costa County and thus all in-person worshippers are required to wear face coverings while in our Sanctuary. More importantly, wearing face coverings is one way we can actively love our neighbors as ourselves!

▲ indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

## GATHERING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

### ▲ OUR GATHERING HYMN

"ALL ARE WELCOME"

Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW #641

**Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

### ▲ OUR OPENING LITURGY

L: We gather here in this place in a spirit of honesty — just as we are, not just as we hope we might be. Whole yet broken, filled yet empty, hopeful yet hopeless.

C: **May God's Spirit of wholeness blow through our lives.**

L: We gather in a spirit of humility. Thankful that God has given us in Jesus Christ a gift which we could never obtain on our own.

C: **May God's Spirit of truth open our eyes to God's goodness.**

L: We gather in a spirit of unity. Together in community – we gather to encounter God's grace.

C: **May God's Spirit of healing work in us and through us. May God's blessing alive in us becoming a blessing to those around us.**

L: So together, let us pray:

C: **Holy God, we give you thanks for the many ways in which your grace is made real to us. In preaching and teaching, in the waters of Baptism and the bread and wine of Holy Communion, in words of forgiveness and words of consolation, you bind us together as your people. Make us people who are eager to embrace your grace, and to share that same grace with others, that your kingdom might come in all its fullness. Amen.**

### THE LESSON

Psalms 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**OUR HYMN OF PRAISE** "GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS"  
Lyrics by Fred Kaan / Music by William Monk / ELW #603

***God, when human bonds are broken  
and we lack the love or skill  
to restore the hope of healing,  
give us grace and make us still.***

***Through that stillness, with your Spirit  
come into our world of stress,  
for the sake of Christ forgiving  
all the failures we confess.***

***You in us are bruised and broken:  
hear us as we seek release  
from the pain of earlier living;  
set us free and grant us peace.***

***Send us, God of new beginnings,  
humbly hopeful into life.  
Use us as a means of blessing:  
make us stronger, give us faith.***

**KIDTALK** Pastor John Valentine

**THE SERMON** Pastor John Valentine

**▲ WORDS TO LIVE BY** Psalm 23

**The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. He makes us lie down in green pastures; he leads us beside still waters; he restores our souls. He leads us in right paths for his name's sake. Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil; for you are with us; your rod and your staff, they comfort us.**

**You prepare a table before us in the in the presence of our enemies; you anoint our heads with oil and our cups overflow. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord to the end of days.**

**THE OFFERTORY** "JESUS WILL MAKE US HIS OWN"  
Lyrics and Music by Nancy Price and Don Besig

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**  
*(Utilizing the prayer refrain "God, in your mercy .... **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.**

**▲ THE BENEDICTION**

**▲ OUR SENDING HYMN** "GO, MY CHILDREN"  
Lyrics: Jaroslav Vajda / Music: Traditional Welsh / ELW #543

***Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.***

***Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
Here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.***

***I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.***

**▲ THE CHARGE**  
Go, in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING MUSIC**

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

**Bethany Valentine** – Vocalist and Creative Director  
**Gretchen Stenson** – Vocalist  
**Joe Zingale** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

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