



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.) 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

"WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE WORLD STOPPED TURNING"
Lyrics and Music by Alan Jackson

(as offered by Tom Henry in memory of 9/11 — honoring those innocent victims and first-responders who lost their lives that day, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our nation and the cause of freedom in the two decades since)

▲ **OUR GATHERING SONG** "COME JUST AS YOU ARE"
Lyrics and Music by Joseph Sabolick

Come just as you are
Hear the Spirit call
Come just as you are
Come and see, Come receive
Come and live forever (repeat)

Life everlasting
Strength for today
Taste the living water
And never thirst again (repeat verse)

▲ 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 become 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

Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

OUR SONG OF PRAISE "OLD CHURCH CHOIR"

Lyrics and Music by Zach Williams and Ethan Hulse

*There's revival, and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
Sunday morning, Hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long*

*Can you hear it? Can you feel it?
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Once you choose it, you can't lose it
There ain't nothin', there ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy*

REFRAIN:

*I've got an Old Church Choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy*

*When the valleys, that I wander
Turn to mountains, that I can't climb
You are with me, never leave me
There ain't nothin', there ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy*

(Repeat Refrain 2x)

KIDTALK Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

THE SERMON Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

▲ 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 "WE COME TO YOU"
Lyrics and Music by Joshua Blakeley

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 "LIFE'S RAILWAY TO HEAVEN"
Lyrics by M.E. Abbey / Music by Charles Tillman

*Life is like a mountain railway,
With an engineer that's brave
We must make the run successful,
From the cradle to the grave
Heed the curves, the hills, the tunnels,
Never falter never fail
Keep your hand upon the throttle,
And your eye upon the rail*

*Blessed Savior, thou will guide us
Till we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us
In God's praise for evermore*

*As we roll along the mainline,
There'll be storms and there'll be night
There'll be sidetracks unexpected,
On the left and on the right
But with the straight always before us,
And our hearts upon the prize
There'll be no disembarkation
Until we reach paradise*

*Blessed Savior, thou will guide us
Till we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us
In God's praise forevermore*

▲ THE CHARGE

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

SENDING MUSIC "LIFE'S RAILWAY TO HEAVEN"
(reprise)

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

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