

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
Orinda, California
9:30am on October 16, 2022

Welcome to Worship with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person or are online worshipers (live-streamed on Facebook @HSLCORinda or archived at www.holyshepherd.org.) In whatever way you join us, may you know God's grace as we worship.

Please Note though many indoor masking requirements have been lifted in Contra Costa County – in-person worshipers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings while indoors on our campus. Wearing face coverings is one way we can actively love our neighbors as ourselves!

Know that You Are Welcome! We share in Holy Communion during the context of this morning's service. This is the Lord's table. He is the host. We are his guests. He welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live!

Your Offerings While continuing pandemic restrictions discourage the traditional 'passing of the offering plate', know that we welcome your gifts to the work of our congregation. An offering plate is located in our entryway / narthex area if you would like to share a gift to support our efforts. Alternatively, we'd invite you to visit our website at www.holyshepherd.org and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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

GATHERING MUSIC YOUR LOVE MAKES ME SING
Lyrics and Music by Dennis Brown

WORDS OF WELCOME

▲ OUR WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

P: **Amen.**

L: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does

P: **God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

L: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: **Amen.**

▲ **OUR GATHERING SONG** GOD OF WONDERS
Lyrics and Music by Marc Byrd and Steve J Hindalong

**Lord of all creation,
of water earth and sky,
the heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high.**

Chorus

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light.
And when I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night.**

(Chorus)

(Ending Bridge 3X)
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

▲ OPENING LITANY

L: In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

C: **In the beauty of the rainbow, we see a sign of God's grace for all creation.**

L: In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone, as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

C: **In those tablets of stone, we first learned of God's call to love the Lord our God and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.**

L: In the days of the prophets, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

C: **Blessed be the God who has written the promise of love on the World, in the Word and on our hearts. May our lives be reflections of our choice to honor God in thankfulness for all that God does and is.**

▲ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray ...

C: **God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE LESSON

Joshua 24:1-24

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people:

"Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the wilderness a long time. Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I

rescued you out of his hand.

When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, as well as the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. I sent swarms of hornets ahead of you that drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. I gave you a land on which you had not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey."

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

OUR SONG OF THE DAY

HOW GREAT IS YOUR LOVE
Lyrics and Music by Chris Tomlin

***The splendor of a King, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice***

Chorus

***How great is our God, How great is our God
And all will see, How great, how great is our God***

***Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb***
(Chorus)

***Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God
Name above all names, You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing, How great is our God***
(Chorus)

THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE 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, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

▲ THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God of grace, hear our prayer."

▲ OUR COMMUNION LITURGY

L: Let us gather around the table to share the meal which Christ makes possible for us all. This is the welcome table of God, where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.

C: **We come, hungry for the hope which Jesus alone can give.**

L: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty."

C: **We come, thirsty for the peace which Jesus' presence offers.**

L: We remember that on the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.' Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.' And so – gathered into one by the Holy Spirit – let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we share Holy Communion this morning, we invite you to come to the Altar Rail and kneel or stand as you are able. During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to join in singing the following songs:

HE KNOWS MY NAME

Lyrics and Music by Tommy Walker

***I have a maker, he formed my heart
Before even time began my life was in his hands***

Chorus:

***He knows my name,
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call.***

***I have a father, he calls me his own
He'll never leave me no matter where I go.***

***He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call.***

(Repeat chorus after interlude)

IN THE GARDEN

Lyrics and Music by C. Austin Miles

***I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.***

Refrain:

***And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.***

***He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.*** [Refrain]

***I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go – through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.*** [Refrain]

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION

L: God's promises endure from generation to generation. So now may the God of Abraham and Sarah, the God of Moses and of Miriam, the God of Ruth and of Esther, the God who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you abundantly and shape your life in God's image.

C: **Amen!**

▲ OUR SENDING SONG

DOXOLOGY

Lyrics and Music by Tim Timmons

(Verse - sung traditionally)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

(Verse - sung upbeat)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

***Unfailing love comes with the morning.
It's Your faithfulness we sing at night.***

***It's Your kindness, Lord, that leads to our healing.
All glory to our Maker, and a thousand amens.***

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▲ THE CHARGE

L: Go in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

DOXOLOGY (Reprise)

Thank you to this morning's Worship Team for sharing their gifts of music with us today, including:

Tom Henry – Guitarist, Vocalist and Creative Director

Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist

Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist

Bethany Valentine – Vocalist

Marci Bauer – Vocalist

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist

Ed Szaky – Vocalist

Steve Swanback – Vocalist

Bob Schmalz – Vocalist

Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist

Marc Levine – Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey through the Old Testament this Fall? Next week's texts are 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 11:26-12:9 and Psalm 51:1-9

Our annual 'Marty Party' – a community celebration honoring the Reformers of the Church – takes place on Sunday, October 30 from 11am to 1pm. Plan to join us as you are able as we eat and laugh and learn together!

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