

Pentecost 12

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
Orinda, California
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Welcome to Worship with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person or online (on Facebook Live or archived at www.holyshepherd.org.) May you know God's grace as we worship.

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

Your Offerings We have resumed the practice of 'passing the offering plate' during our musical offertory. If you would prefer to support the work of our congregation electronically, 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

Gail Kiyomura

▲ OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

- 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. Side by side at God's
table of grace, that we might be fed by the Bread of
life.
- 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.**

▲ **GATHERING SONG** THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD
Lyrics by M.D. Babcock / Music by F.L. Sheppard / ELW #824

*This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.*

*This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heaven ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!*

▲ OUR OPENING LITANY

based on 1 John 4

- L: God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of
power and love.
- C: **All who love are born of God.**
- L: Greater love has no one than this: that a person lay
down their life for a friend.
- C: **God loved the world so much that God sent his
only Son into the world so that we might live
through him.**
- L: If God so loved us, we ought to love one another.
- C: **We shall love our neighbors as ourselves.**
- L: Let us not love in word and speech alone, but in deed
and in truth.

C: **May our love be honest and genuine.**

L: Let us love one another.

C: **For love is of God.**

▲ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: So let us pray ...

C: **Holy God – the Holy Scriptures have been written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read them, and inwardly digest them, that our lives might be shaped by your truth and formed in your image. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

THE LESSON

Jonah 1:1-5; 1:16 - 2:10

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying,

*"I called to the Lord out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me.
Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight;
how shall I look again upon your holy temple?'
The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.*

*I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O Lord my God.
As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the Lord,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.
Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!"*

Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

A SONG OF PRAISE OUT OF THE DEPTH I CRY TO YOU
Lyrics and Music attr. to Martin Luther / ELW #600

***Out of the depths I cry to you;
O Lord God hear me calling
Incline your ear to my distress
In spite of my rebelling.
Do not regard my sinful deeds.
Send me the grace my spirit needs;
Without it I am nothing.***

***All things you send are full of grace;
You crown our lives with favor.
All our good works are done in vain
Without our Lord and Savior.
We praise you for the gift of faith;
You save us from the grip of death;
Our lives are in your keeping.***

***In you alone, O God, we hope,
And not in our own merit.
We rest our fears in your good Word
And trust your Holy Spirit
Your promise keeps us strong and sure;
We trust the cross, your signature,
Inscribed upon our temples.***

***My soul is waiting for you, Lord,
As one who longs for morning;
No watcher waits with greater hope
Than I for your returning;
I hope as Israel in the Lord,
Who sends redemption through the Word.
Praise God for grace and mercy.***

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

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to manifest the Good News to the ends of the earth, we pray for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

THE OFFERTORY

SHELTER ME

Lyrics and Music by Michael Joncas

▲ THE COMMUNION LITANY

L: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you came to us as a tiny Baby born in danger and discomfort. You grew into a Man whom the world can never forget. You offered up your body and blood for the sake of our broken lives and our broken world. So come to us now in this bread and this wine. Unite us and strengthen us by your presence and through your Word, that we might be your faithful children in this world.

For together 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 that same Jesus who called us to remember, and who is present with us now, is the One who taught us all to pray:

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 in the gift of Holy Communion this morning, we invite you to come to the Altar Rail, and kneel or stand as you are able. After consuming the Communion elements, please deposit your empty cup in the small basket and return to your seat by the side aisle.

During the sharing of Holy Communion, you are invited to join our Worship Team in the following songs:

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW 465

Refrain

**As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
So may all your people
from all the ends of earth,
be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst
may we share the presence
of your love. (Refrain)**

**Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation shares
this feast with you. (Refrain)**

SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST

Lyrics by J. Monsell / Music by J. Steurlein / ELW #694

**Sing to the Lord of harvest
your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
your hallelujahs raise;
by him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyous song of love.**

*God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness,
all things with large increase,
and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.*

*Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.*

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: Go now into the world to be God's witnesses —
sustained and supported by the God who is known to
us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

▲ SENDING SONG ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE Lyrics by W. Whiting / Music by J. Dykes / ELW #756

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.*

▲ THE CHARGE

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

Gail Kiyomura

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

Bethany Valentine – Vocalist and Creative Director
Gretchen Stenson – Vocalist
Sharon Tissue – Vocalist
Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist
Diana Riveness – Vocalist
Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist
Won K. Yang – Vocalist
Joe Zingale – Vocalist
John Goetz – Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Gail Kiyomura – Guest Pianist

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