

GSBC Worship

January 10, 2021

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Good Shepherd Baptist Church is to be a supportive, open, growing Christian community that reaches out to all in a spirit of unconditional love.

Our Statement of Core Values

We value and support:

- ▶ A variety of viewpoints, biblical interpretations, and Christian expression
- ▶ The dignity of each individual as an unduplicated child of God
 - ▶ Following the way of Jesus and absolute love

We respectfully acknowledge that our services are being held on the traditional lands of the Snohomish and other Coast Salish Tribes.

HYMN #CH 294 “Here We Gather as God’s People”

- ▶ Here we gather as God’s people with our friends from far and near; let our voices sound with praises knowing Christ has called us here.

Now we seek and greet each other, now in joy approach our friends.

Here we mingle, bound together as to all our love extends.

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 55

- ▶ LEADER: Hear my prayer, O God.
- ▶ PEOPLE: Do not hide yourself from my petition.
- ▶ LEADER: Listen to me and answer me.
- ▶ PEOPLE: I have no peace, because of my cares.
- ▶ LEADER: I am shaken by the noise of the enemy.
- ▶ PEOPLE: And by the pressure of the wicked.
- ▶ LEADER: For they have cast an evil spell upon me.
- ▶ PEOPLE: And are set against me in fury.
- ▶ LEADER: My heart quakes within me.
- ▶ PEOPLE: And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- ▶ LEADER: Fear and trembling have come over me.
- ▶ PEOPLE: And horror overwhelms me.
- ▶ LEADER: Against the devil's every wile.
- ▶ PEOPLE: Protect me, Lord, in times of trial.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

HYMN #CH 88 “All My Hope on God is Founded”

1. All my hope on God is founded, who does still my trust renew.
Safe through change and chance God guides me, ever faithful,
ever true. God unknown, God alone, seeks to claim my heart
as home.
2. Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our
trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and
temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my
temple and my tower.
3. But in every time and season, out of love's abundant store,
God sustains the whole creation, fount of life forevermore.
We who share earth and air count on God's unfailing care.

Receiving Of Our Offerings

- ▶ *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Whose constant love and grace we know.
Bless now, O God, these gifts we give
That others may in your peace live. Amen.*

HYMN #CH634 “To Us All, to Every Nation” (1, 3)

1. To us all, to every nation comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side; some great cause, God's new endeavor, offering each the bloom or blight, and the choice goes by forever; 'twixt that darkness and that light.
3. Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong, truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown, God is standing in the shadow keeping watch beside God's own.

Scripture Genesis 4:1-16

- ▶ Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.” Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.
- ▶ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.
- ▶ The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.”
- ▶ Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out to the field.” And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him.
- ▶ Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” And the Lord said, “What have you done? Listen; your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”
- ▶ Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.” Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him.
- ▶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Scripture Matthew 2:16-18

- ▶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

HYMN #HS 79 “We, O God, Unite Our Voices”

- ▶ We, O God, unite our voices, raised in thankful praise to Thee. Thou, unchanging, safe hath brought us through the everchanging sea. Days of calm and days of conflict, nights of darkness prove Thy grace. Hands beneath us, arms around us, and, above, Thy shining face.
- ▶ Seeing then the task before us bind our hearts and hands as one. May our labor be in union, our resolve and Thine be one. With one spirit let us labor toward the bright horizon far. In the midst of tempest peril be Thy cross our guiding star.
- ▶ Not our choice the wind's direction, unforeseen the calm or gale. Thy great ocean swells before us, and our ship seems small and frail. Fierce and gleaming is Thy myst'ry drawing us to shores unknown: Plunge us on with hope and courage 'til Thy harbor is our home.

Shalom Circle

- ▶ Shalom, my friend; Shalom, my friend;
Shalom, Shalom. We'll see you again; We'll
see you again; Shalom, Shalom.