

GSBC Worship

February 21, 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 #CH287 "As a Chalice Cast of Gold" (1, 2, 4)

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As a Chalice Cast of Gold

Unison

1. As a chal - ice cast of gold, bur - nished, bright, and
2. Save me from the sooth - ing sin of the emp - ty
3. When I bend up - on my knees, clasp my hands, or
4. When I dance or chant your praise, when I sing a

truth and love di - vine. Let my praise and
claimed but un - lived creed. Let my ac - tions,
rect - ly, sim - ply said, free of tan - gled
heart add its a - men. Let each cher - ished

brimmed with wine, make me, Lord, as fit to hold grace and
cul - tic deed and the pi - ous, bab - bling din of the
bow my head, let my spo - ken, pub - lic pleas be di -
psalm or hymn, when I preach your lov - ing ways, let my

wor - ship start with the cleans - ing of my heart.
Lord, ex - press what my tongue and lips pro - fess.
words that mask what my soul would plain - ly ask.
out - ward rite thus re - flect your in - ward light.

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 105 & 106

- ▶ **LEADER:** Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name; make known God’s deeds among the peoples.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Sing to God, sing praises to God, and speak of all God’s marvelous works.
- ▶ **LEADER:** Glory in God’s holy name - let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
- ▶ **LEADER:** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** And let all the people say, “Amen!” Hallelujah!
- ▶ **LEADER:** Give us more light about each other —
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** that we might understand enough to love.

HYMN #CH 631 “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (1, 2)

- ▶ Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.
- ▶ Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

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 #CH 671 “Why Stand So Far Away, My God?” (1, 2, 3)

- ▶ Why stand so far away, my God? Why hide in times of need? The proud, unbridled chase the poor, and curse you in their greed.
- ▶ Why do you hide when, full of lies, they murder and betray? They wait to pounce upon the weak as lions stalk their prey.
- ▶ The weak are crushed and fall to earth; the wicked strut and preen. Why in these cruel, chaotic times cannot your face be seen?

Scripture & Message “Selling Our Siblings”

- ▶ Genesis 37:25-36
- ▶ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. He returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?”
- ▶ Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” He recognized it, and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and all his daughters sought to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and said, “No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.” Thus his father bewailed him. Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.

HYMN #CH 655 “Community of Christ”

- ▶ Community of Christ, who make the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:
the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race and every song.
- ▶ Community of Christ, look past the church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.
- ▶ Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.
- ▶ When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;
our currency be love and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.

Shalom Circle

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