

GSBC Worship

May 2, 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 90“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (1-3)

- ▶ Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise we with gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
- ▶ Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
Christ is our Guide and Friend on whom we can depend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
- ▶ Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 2

- ▶ **LEADER:** Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt and the princes plot together against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- ▶ **LEADER:** Submit to the LORD with reverence and trembling bow before God;
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Lest God be angry and you perish for God's wrath is quickly kindled.
- ▶ **LEADER:** Happy are they all who take refuge in God!
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Gather us to you, O LORD and whisper justice in our ears.

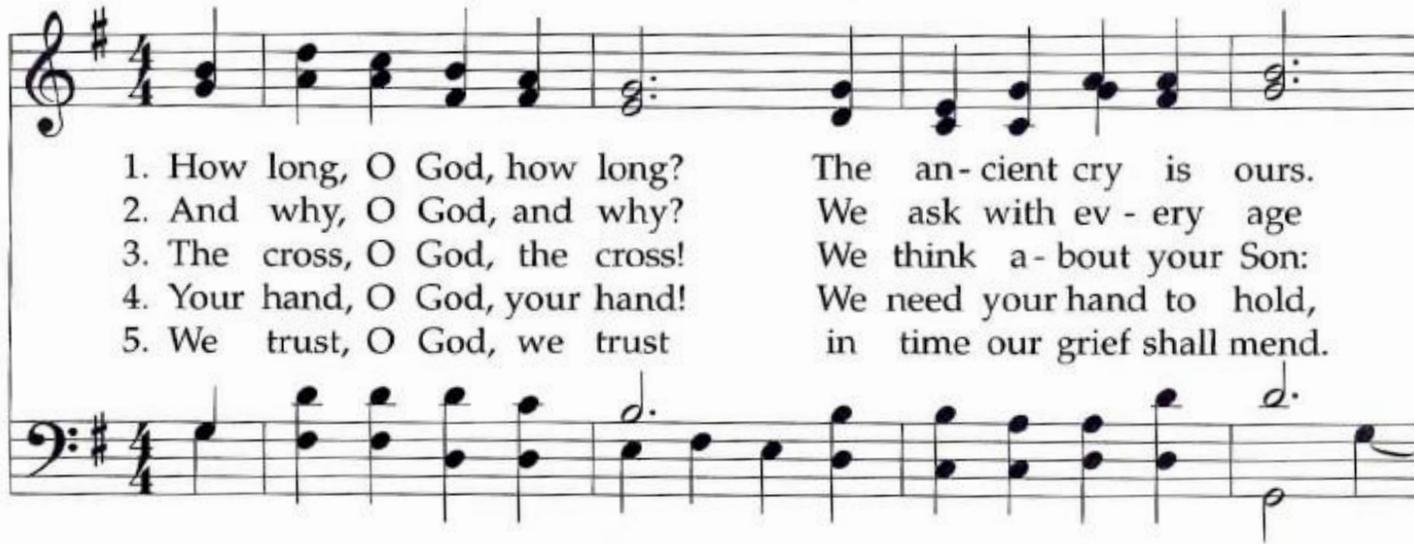
HYMN #CH699 “Rejoice, the Lord is King!” (1-3)

- ▶ Rejoice, the Lord is King! The risen Christ adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- ▶ God's reign can never fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- ▶ Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, our Judge, shall come
to glorify the saints for their eternal home:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

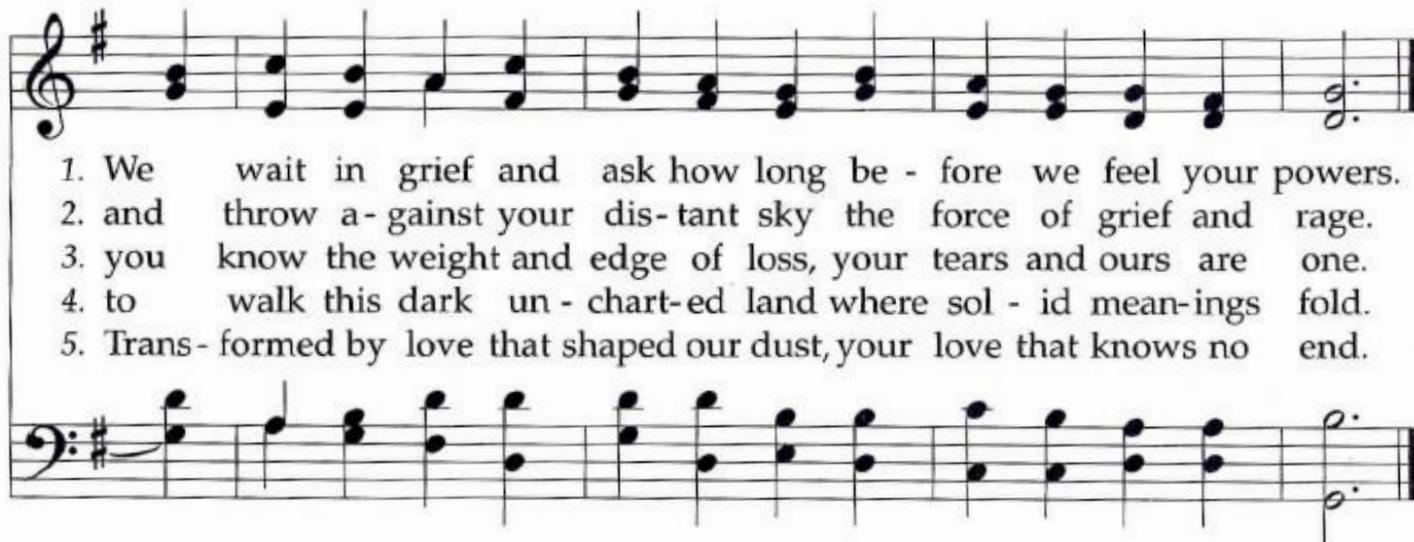
Receiving Of Our Offerings

- ▶ *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 642 "How Long, O God, How Long?" (1, 2, 3, 5)



1. How long, O God, how long? The an-cient cry is ours.
2. And why, O God, and why? We ask with ev - ery age
3. The cross, O God, the cross! We think a - bout your Son:
4. Your hand, O God, your hand! We need your hand to hold,
5. We trust, O God, we trust in time our grief shall mend.



1. We wait in grief and ask how long be - fore we feel your powers.
2. and throw a - gainst your dis - tant sky the force of grief and rage.
3. you know the weight and edge of loss, your tears and ours are one.
4. to walk this dark un - chart - ed land where sol - id mean - ings fold.
5. Trans - formed by love that shaped our dust, your love that knows no end.

Scripture & Message “Justice!”

Luke 3:1-20

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Scripture & Message “Justice!”

Luke 3:1-20, continued

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

HYMN #CH 391 “These I Lay Down”(1, 4, 5)

- ▶ Before I take the body of my Lord
Before I share His life in bread and wine
I recognize the sorry things within
These I lay down
- ▶ Of those around in whom I meet my Lord
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine
That every contradiction to Christ's peace
Might be laid down
- ▶ Lord Jesus Christ companion at this feast
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands
And ask to meet You here in bread and wine
Which You lay down

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen

Shalom Circle

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