



WELCOME!

GSBC Online Worship

Sept 26, 2021

HYMN #CH284 “Gather Us In”

- ▶ Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away, See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, Gather us in, the blind and the lame, Call to us now and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name
- ▶ We are the young, our lives are a mystery, We are the old who yearn for your face, We have been sung throughout all of history, Called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong, Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.
- ▶ Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you, Nourish us well and teach us to fashion, Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- ▶ Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven light years away, But here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, Gather us in and make us your own, Gather us in, all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

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.



Prelude

*“To God Be the Glory,”
by Doane*

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 126

- ▶ **LEADER:** When the Redeemer returns the exiles to the Promised Land we will have been like dreamers.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Then our mouths will overflow with laughter, our tongues with cries of joy.
- ▶ **LEADER:** Then it will be said among the nations: “God has acted with grandeur on behalf of these people.”
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** God will act with wonder toward us; the thought fills us with joy.
- ▶ **LEADER:** The Holy One has glorified us - we will be as though having been in the divine presence throughout.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Return us, God, from our exile like sudden streambeds in the desert.
- ▶ **LEADER:** Those who plant seeds with tears of sorrow will gather the harvest with songs of joy.
- ▶ **ALL:** The one who walks even while weeping will return with gladness

HYMN #CH2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

- ▶ Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- ▶ All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- ▶ Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou the Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
- ▶ Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart. Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife, joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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 #CH340 “Softly and Tenderly”

- ▶ Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; patient and loving, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
- ▶ [Refrain:] Come home, (Come home,) come home, (come home,) ye who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"
- ▶ Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]
- ▶ O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me; tho' we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

Scripture & Message “Goodbye, Farewell, & Amen” Pastor Boyer

Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

HYMN #HS79 “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.
- ▶ Praise for saints whose love has stirred us, friends who taught our hearts to sing, From their laughter, love, and anguish, hope will never cease to ring. Mercy met us in their faces, glory, in their faithfulness. As they lit the way before us, so may we the future bless.
- ▶ 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, my friend;
Shalom, my friend;
Shalom, Shalom.
We'll see you again;
We'll see you again;
Shalom, Shalom.

Shalom Circle