

# GSBC Worship

November 8, 2020

## **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

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

# HYMN #HS76 “We Are Gathered” (1, 4)

- ▶ We are gathered here together in the presence of the Spirit, the Spirit that keeps breaking in our lives. Well, we don't have all the answers, but we sure do have the questions; we know that to create is to survive.
- ▶ REFRAIN: We're travelin' on a road we've never seen before, And O it's hard to know which way to go, But somewhere there's a promise 'bout some distant shore that those who seek will someday know.
- ▶ We are gathered here together just to celebrate the union, The coming together of our souls in time and space. Well, we know God's reign is comin' and we know it don't come easy, But still we trust our vision of the smile on future's face.

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# CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 60

- ▶ LEADER: God, you have spurned us. You have broken against us in anger.
- ▶ **PEOPLE: Now, help us return to your arms.**
- ▶ LEADER: You made your people suffer hardship. The wine you gave us makes us reel.
- ▶ **PEOPLE: But you have given those who hold you in wonder a sign to hold on to your truth.**
- ▶ LEADER: Release your loved ones from suffering; stretch out your right arm in response!
- ▶ **PEOPLE: Give us help from all that troubles us.**
- ▶ LEADER: Useless is salvation from humankind.
- ▶ **ALL: With God we become strong. It is the Holy One who will trample the oppressors to the ground.**

# HYMN #CH 15 “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” (1, 3, 5)

- ▶ Rejoice, O pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
- ▶ Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
- ▶ Still lift your standard high, still chanting as you go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]
- ▶ Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. [Refrain]

# 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 500 “God Made from One Blood” (2, 4, 5)

- ▶ We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears for all of the families we've known through the years, the intimate networks on whom we depend of parent and partner and roommate and friend.
- ▶ Give, Lord, to each family in conflict and storm a sense of your wisdom and grace that transform sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart and makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.
- ▶ Then widen that wisdom and grace to include the races and viewpoints our families exclude till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

# Scriptures & Sermon “Brother vs. Brother”

## ▶ **Obadiah 1-16**

- ▶ The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the LORD, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: “Rise up! Let us rise against it for battle!” I will surely make you least among the nations; you shall be utterly despised. Your proud heart has deceived you, you that live in the clefts of the rock, whose dwelling is in the heights. You say in your heart, “Who will bring me down to the ground?” Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, says the LORD. If thieves came to you, if plunderers by night—how you have been destroyed!— would they not steal only what they wanted? If grape-gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings? How Esau has been pillaged, his treasures searched out! All your allies have deceived you, they have driven you to the border; your confederates have prevailed against you; those who ate your bread have set a trap for you— there is no understanding of it. On that day, says the LORD, I will destroy the wise out of Edom, and understanding out of Mount Esau. Your warriors shall be shattered, O Teman, so that everyone from Mount Esau will be cut off.
- ▶ For the slaughter and violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever. On the day that you stood aside, on the day that strangers carried off his wealth, and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you too were like one of them. But you should not have gloated over your brother on the day of his misfortune; you should not have rejoiced over the people of Judah on the day of their ruin; you should not have boasted on the day of distress. You should not have entered the gate of my people on the day of their calamity; you should not have joined in the gloating over Judah’s disaster on the day of his calamity; you should not have looted his goods on the day of his calamity. You should not have stood at the crossings to cut off his fugitives; you should not have handed over his survivors on the day of distress. For the day of the LORD is near against all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head. For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, all the nations around you shall drink; they shall drink and gulp down, and shall be as though they had never been.



# HYMN #CH 487 “Help Us Accept Each Other” (1, 2)

- ▶ Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
- ▶ Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become.

# Shalom Circle

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

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