



Welcome to Worship at Shepherd of the Hills
Sunday, September 25, 2022
9:00 a.m. – Classic Hymn Service

WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN No. 584 “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
 Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
 Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
 Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
 Shallow earth or stony ground.

- 2 May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing
 Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
 Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
 Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
 Give us ears to hear Your Word.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

People: in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.

Pastor: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

People: and with Your glory all the day.

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: God promises to hear as we confess our sins of thought, word, and deed. Let us approach God's throne of grace, confident in His promise of mercy and pardon.

HYMN

No. 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love.

ALL: According to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

ALL: And cleanse me from my sin!

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, please hear our words of repentance. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You command. We are truly sorry for all of our sins, both known and unknown to us. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may walk as Your forgiven children here on earth until we finally come into Your glorious heavenly presence. Amen.

P: God has promised His mercy to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in humility. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our merciful Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN No. 548 "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"

1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise
And hast opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.

2 Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.

3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;

For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

CHRISTIAN GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **(SPOKEN) And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, You rain down abundant blessings on Your people. As stewards of Your providence, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: **Amen.**

FIRST READING Proverbs 11:23-28

L: The Old Testament Reading is from the 11th chapter of Proverbs, beginning with the 23rd verse:

The desire of the righteous ends only in good;
the expectation of the wicked in wrath.
One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.
Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.
The people curse him who holds back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.
Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but evil comes to him who searches for it.
Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

L: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

L: The Epistle Reading is from the 9th chapter of 2 Corinthians, beginning with the 9th verse:

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

L: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

L: Please rise for the Holy Gospel.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:34-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 590 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,
 O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
 Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

- 2 My loving Father, here You take me
 To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
 The fruit of all Your sorrows share.

O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

BAPTISM OF EZEKIEL ISAHÍ TOMAS NUÑEZ

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

No. 781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our firstfruits give!

- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
 And homes are bare and cold,

And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.

4 To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

SERMON

MUSICAL OFFERING "Thy Word" arr. Susan Geschke (Handbells)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom And the power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN No. 921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own

And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

Preacher
Pastor Chris Kennedy

Liturgist
Pastor Andy Johnson