GSBC Worship

July 12, 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.

HYMN #CH 288 "O God of Vision" (v. 1-3)

- ▶ O God of vision far greater than all human scheming, gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming. Show us anew life in your breathtaking view, lovely beyond all our dreaming.
- Pour out your Spirit on all now assembled before you. May our diversity here be a means to adore you. Women and men, young, old, and youthful again, make us as one, we implore you.
- ► Grant to us insight, O God for this time of decision. May we dream challenging dreams of both depth and precision. Speak through the dark. Dispel by lightning's bright spark whatever clouds dim our vison.

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 51

- ► LEADER: Uphold me with justice, God; contend my contentions against those who are unkind.
- ► PEOPLE: Before one who speaks lies and acts with injustice, allow me means of escape.
- ► LEADER: For you, God, are my strength. Why do I walk around in darkness while my opposers press close?
- ► PEOPLE: Send forth your light and your truth. They will be my guide, bringing me to the mountain of your wonder, place where your presence dwells.
- ► LEADER: I will thank you with song, Sustainer of the Universe, my only God.
- ▶ PEOPLE: Why are you bent so low, my soul? And why so in tumult?
- ► LEADER: Be hopeful; wait for God.
- ► ALL: I will again thank you, my Upholder for turning toward me your face—and because you are my God.

 Adapted from The Complete Psalms, Pamela Greenberg

HYMN # HS 36 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

- Lord the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining. Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me
- ▶ REFRAIN: Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.
- ► Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me REFRAIN
- As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, shine on me 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 600 "Jesu, Jesu" (v. 1, 2, 4)

- ► [Refrain:] Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
- ► Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]
- ► Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]
- Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]

Scriptures & Sermon "Spirit of Service"

Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

HYMN #CH 461 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" (v. 1, 2, 4)

- ► Lord whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need Who upon the cross forsaken offered mercy's perfect deed We your servants bring the worship Not of voice alone but heart Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart
- Still Your children wander homeless Still the hungry cry for bread Still the captives long for freedom Still in grief we mourn our dead As O Lord your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole
- ► Called by worship to your service forth in your dear name we go to the child the youth the aged love in living deeds to show hope and health good will and comfort counsel aid and peace we give that you servants Lord in freedom may your mercy know and live

Shalom Circle

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