



# WELCOME!

## GSBC Online Worship

Sept 19, 2021

# HYMN #CH288 “O God of Vision” (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 breath-taking  
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  
vision.

## 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.*



# Prelude

*“God So Loved the  
World” by Stainer*

# CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 119

- ▶ LEADER: I call to you; oh, that you would save me! I will keep your decrees.
- ▶ PEOPLE: Early in the morning I cry out to you for in your word is my trust.
- ▶ LEADER: My eyes are open in the night watches that I may meditate upon your promise.
- ▶ PEOPLE: Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness, according to your judgements, give me life.
- ▶ LEADER: They draw near who in malice persecute me; they are very far from your law.
- ▶ PEOPLE: You, O LORD, are near at hand and all your commandments are true.
- ▶ LEADER: Long have I known from your decrees that you have established them for ever.
- ▶ ALL: I call with my whole heart; your word will give me life.

# HYMN #CH323 “Wonderful Words of Life” (1, 3)

- ▶ Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life. Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.
- ▶ [Refrain:] Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
- ▶ Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life. Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.  
[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 #CH575 “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

- ▶ Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be
- ▶ Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
- ▶ In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!



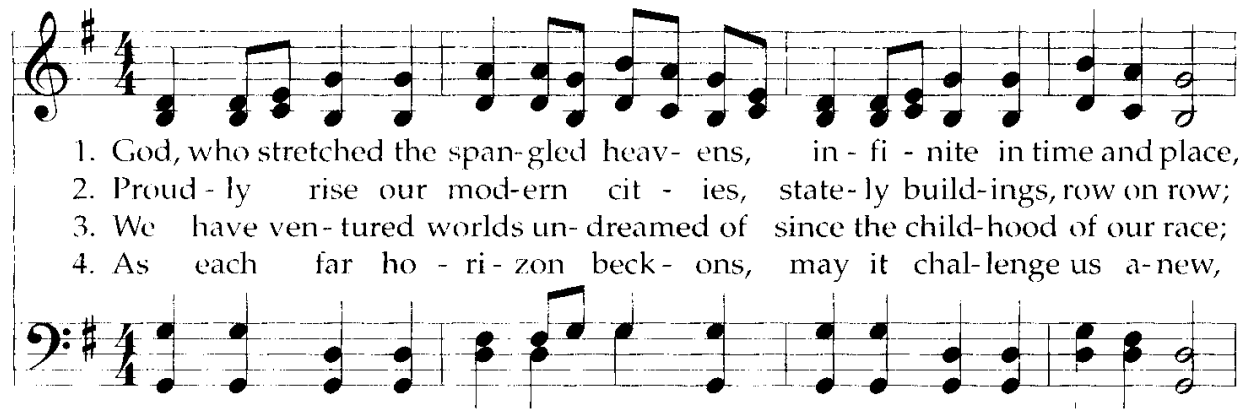
# Scripture & Message “Sabbath Keeping” Pastor Boyer

## ► Matthew 12:1-14

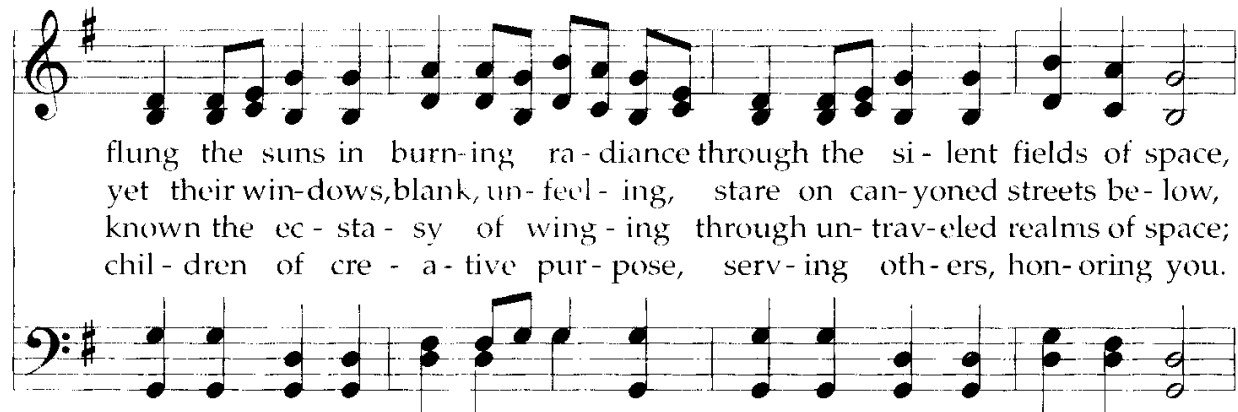
At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.” He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.” He left that place and entered their synagogue; a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, “Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?” so that they might accuse him. He said to them, “Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.” Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other.

But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

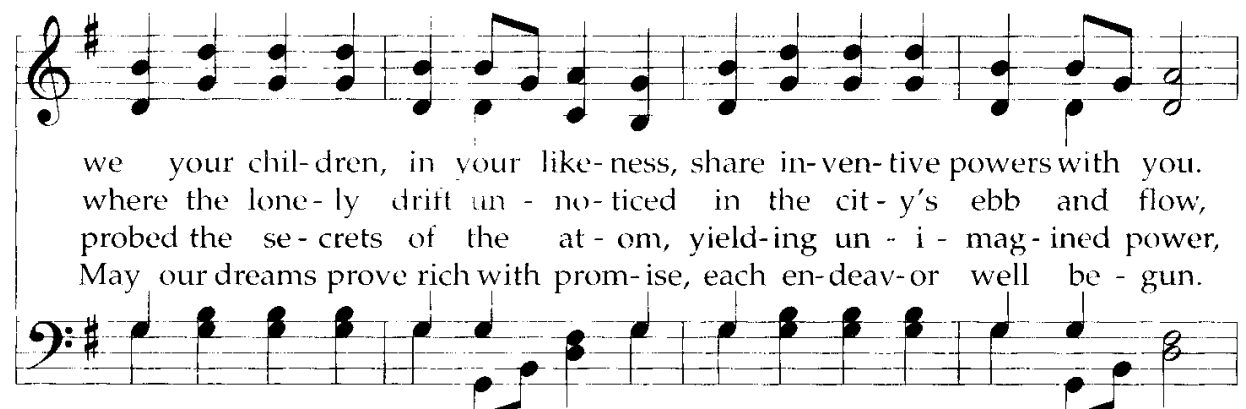
# HYMN #CH 651 “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” (1-4)



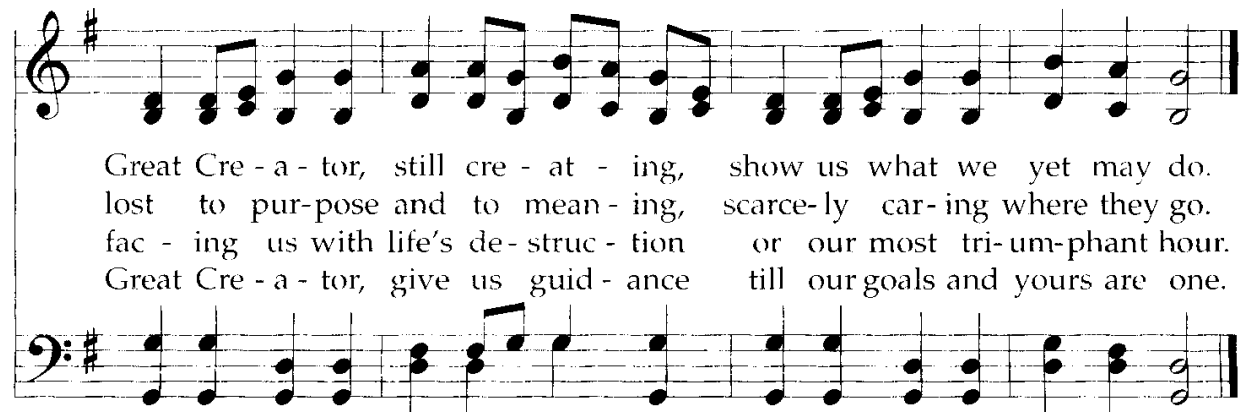
1. God, who stretched the span-gled heav- ens, in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2. Proud - ly rise our mod-ern cit - ies, state-ly build-ings, row on row;  
3. We have ven-tured worlds un-dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
4. As each far ho - ri - zon beck- ons, may it chal-lenge us a-new,



flung the suns in burn-ing ra-diance through the si - lent fields of space,  
yet their win-dows, blank, un-feel - ing, stare on can-yoned streets be - low,  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un-trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.



we your chil-dren, in your like-ness, share in-ven-tive powers with you.  
where the lone-ly drift un - no-ticed in the cit - y's ebb and flow,  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined power,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise, each en-deav-or well be - gun.



Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing, scarce-ly car - ing where they go.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri-um-phant hour.  
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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

# Shalom Circle