

## **Good Shepherd Community Church Worship Guide 23 March 2014**

Worship Theme: True Worship

### **Gathering Together before Our God**

*Prelude*

*Our help is in the name of Yahweh who made heaven and earth.*

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the YAHWEH our Maker; *for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.* Psalm 95:6-7

#### **Blessing and Doxology**

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.* Galatians 1:3-5

*God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* 2 Corinthians 4:6

Hymn – “God Himself Is with Us”

Scripture Psalm Choruses:

182P “I Will Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving”

183P “I Will Give Thanks to You”

Invocation Pastor Jeff Gregory

Hymn – “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Chorus: “Santo, Santo, Santo”

#### **Confession of Sin and Renewal in Grace**

*Dearly Beloved, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Take words with you and return to the LORD.*

*Say to him: “Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.* Hosea 14:2

Let us confess our sins to almighty God:

#### **Prayer of Confession** *in unison*

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions: and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation; and uphold us with thy free spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [personal silent naming before God particular offences]

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Hear now the promises of God's Word to those who have trusted in Christ alone:*

*With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you. Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace.*

#### **We Praise Our God in Song**

*Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.*

*Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.* Psalms 96:2-3

Hymn-177P “God, We Praise You! God, We Bless You! (Love Divine)

Hymn- "This is the Threefold Truth"

### **Scripture Lessons**

*That he (Christ Jesus) might sanctify her, (the church) having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word. Ephesians 5:26*

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament –Exodus 24:1-18

Psalm 95

Old Testament Prophet- Isaiah 1:12-20

New Testament Letters- Romans 12:1-2

New Testament Gospel – John 4:1-26

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Confessing Our Faith – Apostle’s Creed**

#### **Hymns of Truth and Praise**

*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Psalm 95:6-7*

Hymn- "Draw Near through Christ"

Hymn- 556P "Jesus, Master, at Your Word"

#### **The Prayers of the People**

*And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people'; and they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'” Zechariah 13:9*

Thanksgivings, petitions, intercessions

Prayers of the People

#### **Offering Reception**

*When you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your own free will. Lev. 22:29*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Hymn- "For the Life That You Have Given"

#### **Exposition of the Word**

Scripture Text- John 4:19-24

*Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. John 4:23*

Sermon- " The Place of True Worship " by Wayne Conrad

Hymn-841P "How Rich and Deep God’s Judgments"

#### **Prayer For Blessing**

Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day may, through your grace, be so grafted within our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruits of the Spirit, to the honor and praise of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Christ Meets Us at His Table** led by Mark Bahr

*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men: the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 2:5*

The Invitation

Institution Words

The Thanksgiving

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Meal

*Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.*

***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Hallelujah!***

The Distribution of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

Take, eat, remember, and believe

that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Communion Hymn - 659P "We Come as Guests Invited"

Take, drink, remember, and believe

that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Post Meal Thanks

Closing Hymn – "Lord We Hear Your Word with Gladness"

Benediction- *"the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

***Amen.***

THE 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, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He

rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sits on the right hand of God the

Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.