

The liturgy used on this day as we approached God in worship through Jesus Christ.

**Good Shepherd Community Church
Worship Guide 20 August 2023**

Gathering and Call to Worship

Prelude

Blessing

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 2 Timothy 1:2

Call to Worship

Congregation, what is your source of comfort and encouragement?

Our help comes from Yahweh, the maker of heaven and earth.

With joy receive these words of greeting:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. (Galatians 1:3,4) Amen!

Praise, O children of the Lord, praise the name of Yahweh.

Hymn- Only by Grace Can We Enter

Only by grace can we enter,
only by grace can we stand;
not by our human endeavor
but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us,
you call us to come,
into your presence you draw us
and now by your grace we come,
now by your grace we come.

Lord, if you mark our transgressions
who will stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed
by the blood of the Lamb.
(Repeat chorus)

Only by grace can we enter,
only by grace can we stand;
not by our human endeavor
but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us,
you call us to come,
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and now by your grace we come,
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Invocation Prayer Pastor Jeff Gregory

Let us join with the Apostle John in his vision of the Risen Ascended Glorified Jesus:

Revelation 5:1-5 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides, sealed with seven seals. ² I also saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”** ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look in it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or even to look in it. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, **“Do not weep. Look, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”**

⁶ Then I saw one like a slaughtered lamb standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders. ... ⁷ He went and took the scroll out of the right hand of the one seated on the throne.

⁸ When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song:

***You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slaughtered,
and you purchased people
for God by your blood
from every tribe and language
and people and nation.***

This is the scroll of human history and the unfolding consummation. The Conquering Lamb is on the throne!

Hymn- Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do**

Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do**

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **We do**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do**

Is all creation groaning? **It is**

Is a new creation coming? **It is**

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is**

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is**

Chorus

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? **He is**
Does the Father truly love us? **He does**
Does the Spirit move among us? **He does**
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does**

Chorus

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe
Ev'ry nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?
He is!

Wait in Prayer before the Lord.

Humbling Ourselves before Our Righteous God

Israel, put your hope in the LORD. For there is faithful love with the LORD, and with Him is redemption in abundance. And He will redeem Israel from all its sins. Psalm 130:7-8

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

In the light of God's complete knowledge of our thoughts and actions, let us confess our sins to him and claim the grace of the One who loves us and gave himself for us, despite knowing the worst about us.

Psalm 51 Hymn Sung or Read as a Prayer

Chorus

Have mercy on me O God
According to Your unfailing love
According to Your great compassion
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity.
And cleanse me from my sin.

Verse

Create in me a pure heart O God

And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from Your presence
Or take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy
The joy of Your salvation.

Bridge
O Lord open my lips
And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Ending
You cleanse me from my sin.
You cleanse me from my sin.
You cleanse me from my sin!
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Words of Assurance

May the God who said, *Let light shine out of darkness*, make his light shine in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ who saved us from all our sin. **Amen.**
(from 2 Cor. 4:6)

Hymn of Assurance

My Hope Is in the Lord

My hope is in the Lord
Who gave Himself for me
And paid the price
Of all my sin at Calvary.

Chorus

*For me He died
For me He lives
And everlasting life
And light He freely gives.*

2 No merit of my own
His anger to suppress
My only hope is found
In Jesus' righteousness.

3 And now for me He stands
Before the Father's throne
He shows His wounded hands
And names me as His own.

4 His grace has planned it all
'Tis mine but to believe
And recognize His work of love
And Christ receive.
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