

Communion Service

led by Jeff Gregory

Invitation to the Table

Dialogue Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Church: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Church: **It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Thanksgiving with Words of Institution

Declaration of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration:

Sanctify us also, that we may faithfully receive this Communion and serve you in unity, fidelity, and peace. At the end of life, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your everlasting kingdom.

Minister: Christ is the Bread of Life whose blood purchased us.

People: *When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.*

Distribution of Bread

Communion Hymn- 648P "Here O My Lord"

Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer of Commitment

Collect Prayer- Congregation

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Song- A Carol of Christ's Comings
(LM- Retreat or Winchester)

Benediction

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good word and work. Amen. 2 Thess. 2:16-17

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Good Shepherd Community Church

O come let us adore him!

God's Greeting

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen!**

Call to Worship:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. God is here. The messiah has come.

Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power, let us worship God

We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him. We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and our King, and to bring glory to God the Father.

Hymn- Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

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Hymn- 352P Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn

Call to Confession

When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, he became like us in all things but sin.

May we who have been reborn in him be free from our sinful ways. Let us confess our sin to God. [Silent confession]

Prayer of Confession:

Forgive me my sins, O Lord. Forgive the sins of my youth and of my age, the sins of my soul and of my body, my secret and my whispering sins, the sins I have done to please myself and the sins I have done to please others.

Forgive those sins which I know and the sins I do not know.

Forgive them Lord, forgive them all in your great goodness through Jesus Christ our Lord, born to save his people from their sins. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Because of God's great love for you and God's rich mercy for us in Jesus and through faith in his name- you are fully forgiven.

So we will live as those who are truly loved and truly forgiven through the gift of God's grace.

Song Response- *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

God rest ye merry, gentlefolk, let nothing you dismay,

Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

We Sing the Praises of Our God

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Hymn -270P "I Bow before the God of Grace"

Hymn-787P "Reconciled, I'm Reconciled"

Prayer

We Read the Holy Scripture

Your word is a lamp unto my feet; a light upon my path.

Hebrew Bible- Isaiah 61:10-62:3

From Psalm 148

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens,
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,

praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens

and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for he commanded and they were created.

He set them in place for ever and ever;

he gave a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth,

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kings of the earth and all nations,

you princes and all rulers on earth,

young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;

He has raised up for his people a horn,

the praise of all his saints,

of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

New Testament -Galatians 4:4-7

New Testament Gospel -Luke 2:22-40

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

We Sing the Story of Christ

Sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Hymn 673P- The Lord God Appointed

Hymn 779P "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Hymn-773P- "A Debtor to Mercy Alone"

We Pray

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and listen to the cry of my supplications.

Psalm 86: 6

Prayers of the People

We Give Offerings

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

(2 Corinthians 8:9)

Dedication of Offerings

Hymn-370P "Child in a Manger"

We Hear the Word Expounded

Sermon Text: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Sermon: "The Adornment of God' by Mark Bahr

Hymn- 778P "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

Let us confess our common Christian faith

A Contemporary Creed (Short Form)

We confess that Yahweh our God is one Yahweh. Yahweh, He is God.

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion:

God was made visible in human flesh,

Was vindicated in the Spirit,

Beheld by angels,

Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed on in the world,

Taken up in glory. Amen