

October 3rd 2021
GSPV Series: How Then Shall We Live?
#2. Hearts Wide Open
10:30 am

Pre-Service: I Will Follow (Tomlin) <https://youtu.be/1ohvhmGSfxl>

(Jacob) Good morning – and welcome to Good Shepherd – especially if you’re visiting with us. We thank God for your presence with us, and ask him to bless you today! I’m helping with worship leading today. Pr Rolly will be sharing the message.

Housekeeping: please keep masks on – yet we can sing, mobile phones off, conveniences along the rear corridor to my right, exit via café after service.

(Jacob) **Praise Points from the past week** (roving microphones - held by 2 rovers)

If you’d like to share something from the past week that gives you reason to praise God, please raise a hand so we can bring a microphone to you.

As you are able, please stand as we remember that God has claimed us as his children in baptism, and promises to be with us forever. We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

Song: No Longer Slaves (Hillsong) <https://youtu.be/f8TkUMJtK5k>

Song: Oceans (Hillsong) https://youtu.be/dy9nwe9_xzw
(Please be seated)

Call to Confession (Reid)

Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father,

We have not always walked in the light of your Son, Jesus.

We have not loved you above everything else in our lives.

We have hurt others through our selfish attitudes, words, and actions.

And there are many good things we have failed to do.

(pause for silent reflection and confession)

“We continue”

Lord, we ask you to forgive us because Jesus paid for our wrongs at the cross.

Please fill us with your Holy Spirit, so people will encounter Jesus through us.

Amen.

Declaring God’s Forgiveness

Jesus is the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. Because of what Jesus has done, and by his authority, I declare: “Your sins are forgiven - in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Please stand as you are able for our next song

PRESENTATION: Loving my Jesus (Casting Crowns) <https://youtu.be/OnJFGtAXxGs>
(Please be seated)

(Jacob) Today we’re in week 2 of our new series: **How Then Shall We Live?** - based on Mark’s account of Jesus. We’re looking at how Jesus responds to questions and issues of his day. In our Bible reading, Jesus is questioned about divorce. His response takes us back to God’s intention for marriage. Jesus then blesses little children. Today’s theme: **Hearts Wide Open.**

Bible Reading: Mark 10:1-16 (Jacob)

Message: Hearts Wide Open (Rolly)

Song: Seek First (Housefires) <https://youtu.be/LfAusAxKaaE>
(Please be seated)

General Prayers & The Lord's Prayer (Jacob)

Announce Retiring Offering + Connect Cards (Jacob)

As followers of Jesus, we are to keep living, sharing and celebrating God's love, so that people encounter Jesus.

Through our freewill offerings, we honour God and join his mission of making Jesus known in our community. Many of you do this electronically. Otherwise, you are invited to place your freewill offerings in the bowls on the way out. Connect Cards can also be placed in these bowls.

Please stand as you are able for our last song

10:30am Song: Lord Reign In Me (Brown) <https://youtu.be/iSdthxieYp4>

Blessing (Jacob) *'I invite you to turn to others, and raise a hand to bless them:*

May the LORD bless you / and keep you in his care.

May the LORD smile on you / and pour his grace into your lives.

May the Lord look on you with favour / and give you his peace. Amen

Announcements: (Reid)

Celebrations: "0" B'days: "5 or 0" Anniv's: none we know of...

Spotlight:

1. Hospitality – How have you been connecting or reconnecting with new people each week? Our resident mannequin, Heidi, reminds us to engage with others and make them feel at home in our Good Shepherd family. For the first 5 minutes, how about introducing yourself to someone you haven't met before, or catching up with people you don't yet know very well.

2. Step Up to Communion – Two young persons will be receiving their first communion at the 10:30 am service next Sunday.

3. Pr Reid's farewell – Julie Freund or Tina Pfeiffer

Coffee/Tea today is available after services today. After you've been served, please move from the servery into some space and maintain 1.5m social distance.