

# Family Worship

## October 18, 2020

### The Flock



# Call to Worship

L: Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

P: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

L: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

P: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

L: Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

P: Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! AMEN.

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# Opening Worship Song

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f-ePEMd2S4&ab\\_channel=RINCYABRAHAM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f-ePEMd2S4&ab_channel=RINCYABRAHAM)



And hears me when I call

# Children's Bible Story

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ar732X9uO3I&ab\\_channel=SharefaithKids](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ar732X9uO3I&ab_channel=SharefaithKids)



# Children's worship song

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGPQX3vQtU8&ab\\_channel=SiblingHarmony](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGPQX3vQtU8&ab_channel=SiblingHarmony)



# Children's Message



Do you have a special blanket or stuffed animal that when you hold it you feel safe? Think of Linus from Charlie Brown's neighborhood. Do you know Linus? If you do, you know that Linus always had his blanket. That blanket was his security, and it reminded him that he was safe.

In some ways God is like that. God gives us security and makes us feel safe. We believe that God is present everywhere in heaven and on earth. There are times in our lives when we need and want to feel God with us. God always challenges us to do more than we think we can.

When God speaks to us and gives us guidance and direction, we sometimes refer to that as God "calling" us.

When God calls you, you don't answer the same way you would if someone calls you on the phone. You don't answer God's calling with words only. You answer in how you live your life. God has called some people to serve in ministry as pastors or Sunday school teachers. God has called others to show the love of Jesus to the world in many different ways. God has called all of you to show the love of Jesus.

## Opening Prayer

We are standing at the gate, o loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

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# Scripture Reading Youth and Adults

## Exodus 33:12-23

33:12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'

33:13 Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."

33:14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

33:15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here."

33:16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

33:17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

33:18 Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray."

33:19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."

# Youth and Adult Bible Study

Read Exodus 33:12-23

Share a time when were felt the presence of God. Where were you? Who was there with you?

What practices enable you to experience the presence God? [For example, prayer, reading Scripture, worship, silence, solitude, and so on.]

Read the passage, again trying to place yourself in Moses's shoes. How does it feel to hear God say that God knows your name (v.17)?

How does assurance of God's presence (Matthew 28:20) and God's intimate knowledge of us enable us to press on during difficult times?

Being assured of God's presence and trusting that God knows us intimately and still chooses to love us is the foundation of our story as Christians. Yet, many Christians are very reluctant to share their testimony or giving witness to what God has done in their lives. Take a few moments and write out your testimony. A simple outline for a testimony is to (a) explain life before Christ, (b) talk about how you encountered Christ, and (c) note the difference Christ has made in your life.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/pressing-on/twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-small-groups>

# Adult worship song

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWNwQg3xoJw&ab\\_channel=K-LOVE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWNwQg3xoJw&ab_channel=K-LOVE)



# Message

Reading this scripture really reminded me of my new role in the classroom. This year has brought a lot of changes for me. I went from an administrator to a teacher/administrator. Now I spend the majority of my day in a classroom with little people and I absolutely love it. I felt this summer after all that the program had been through that God was calling me to go back to the classroom. I certainly feel like a shepherd leading my littles around and guiding their day. I let them make their own decisions but it is sometimes hard to watch if they make choices that could hurt them (emotionally) and physically I would put myself between them and any physical danger. I love them all fiercely and desperately want to protect them from every little hurt. It's easy to see how they could get sidetracked without guidance. They follow my every word and look to me for direction. I get surprised by it sometimes. It's kind of amazing.

It's been a revelation to see now being on the other side how protective you can be of your flock. I think of that visual of God leading us and protecting us from the hurts we could experience. Leading others you have to make a commitment to be there and can't lose your focus. You also have to develop a relationship of trust and caring. God has done that with us. Jesus used that example because sheep are wired to only tune into their shepherds voice and only respond to that voice. I have noticed that my littles do the same thing, if Miss Carol or Miss Shannon gives them a direction they immediately look at me to see if I agree. They have complete faith in me. I want to do that same thing, to trust in God so much that it's the only voice I listen to. To let God reassure me and know that God is with me guiding me in all parts of my life.



# Adult Worship Song

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# Benediction

Come through the gate of joy and hope, moving into the world that needs to hear the words of peace. Go in peace to all God's people, bringing good news of Christ's abundant love for them.  
**AMEN.**

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1029/worship-connection-4th-sunday-of-easter-yr-a>

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0&list=RDQMhhL6fCQWiWs&start\\_radio=1&ab\\_channel=TrinityFellowship](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0&list=RDQMhhL6fCQWiWs&start_radio=1&ab_channel=TrinityFellowship)

