

# Reach One More For Jesus!

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### May 17, 2020

#### MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

God is our rock, the foundation of our spiritual home. We are living stones, used to build God's house.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Though the way seems long and the road rough

**P: Yet will we trust the One Who leads us.**

L: Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome

**P: Yet will we place our lives in Christ's loving care.**

L: It is Christ Who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls.

**P: It is Christ Who gives us hope and peace. Praise be to Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" vs. 1-3

Hymnal Page #381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

#### 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.**

#### GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10 NRSV

<sup>10</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE "SHY SHEEP SEEK SHREWD SHEPHERD"**

1. A True Sheep Listens To The Shepherd

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2. The True Shepherd Protects The Sheep

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**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)**

**DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O God, our fortress and our rock, may these offerings be acceptable to You. In a world facing profound need, they seem insignificant, but we know that in Your hands, even small things become great. Use these gifts, and use our very lives, to make this world a home where all are sheltered, nourished and cherished. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Hymnal Page #526

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

**BENEDICTION**