

Come and Worship!

Welcome and announcements

Prayer

The ringing bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this time of chaos, confusion, and fear how do we live? How do we keep from being swept up in the raging currents of anger, division, and hate? We worship. We worship, not to entertain ourselves or to boost our self-esteem; but to encounter the living God. We worship because worship is not about us, this is about a God for whom no words are adequate and who has made us to glorify him with all our being.

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.”

(Isaiah 6:1-4)

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEED

When Isaiah was overwhelmed by a breath taking vision of God, he was not left comfortable, or indifferent, but shaken. He glimpsed God, and in that blazing light he saw himself. May we join in his confession:

“And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”
(Isaiah 6:5)

Moments for silent prayer

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

God did not leave Isaiah to drown in his brokenness and his guilt. God provided the means of cleansing, the way of renewal.

“Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”
(Isaiah 6:6-7)

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Our sin has been covered.

A SONG OF WORSHIP

WE HEAR THE WORD

“The Gospel of John: Witnesses to the Son of God”

WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

A Song of Preparation

We Share in the Bread and the Cup

BENEDICTION

We are in a preaching series looking at the gospel of John. The most significant fact in history can be summed up in four words: Jesus Christ is God! When the apostle John sat down to write his Gospel, he was not interested simply in adding one more biography of Jesus to the three already in existence. John wrote his book with a very specific purpose in mind. A purpose that shows us why faith in Christ is the key essential to knowing God and living with joy now and forever.

“The Gospel of John: Witnesses to the Son of God”

Message #41 The Good Shepherd, Part 2

Text: John 10:1-18

Are you a sheep? Do you need a shepherd? Do you know the shepherd? Does the shepherd know you?

Last week we began to look at this passage where the beauty of Jesus is wonderfully set forth. Jesus uses word pictures that show us truth about who he is and about what he came to do.

We see the sheep and the Shepherd.

Who are the sheep?

In what ways is Jesus the shepherd?

He is the **gate** for the sheep. (vs. 7-10)

He is the **Good Shepherd**. (vs. 11-18)

There are two beautiful things he does for the sheep:

- He **sacrifices** himself for the sheep.

- He gathers his sheep into **one flock**.

Benediction

May you have the blessing of living in the care of the Good Shepherd! Be assured:

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(Romans 8:38-39)