

First CRC Worship at Home

March 29, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Series: Shepherd Me

Call to Worship (Psalm 100):

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

God's Greeting

Song of Praise: Rejoice in All Your Works

Call to Confession - Isaiah 49:13-16:

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains!

For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me."

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne?

Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God,

During times of hardship and struggle we too quickly conclude that you have forgotten us.

Believing we are alone, we compromise and give in to temptation.

Seeking consolation, we settle for less than the best you have for us.

Forgive us for forgetting that you are our Heavenly Father:

A Father who loves perfectly; provides abundantly; and guides patiently.

In your mercy, remind us we are your children; renew in us a desire to do your will;

and restore to us the joy of your salvation.

In the name of Jesus your Son,

through whom you have adopted us, your children. Amen.

Song of Assurance: Abide with Me

Scripture Reading: Micah 5:1-4; Matthew 9:35-36

Sermon: *Sheep without a Shepherd*

Prayers of the People

Song: Alpha and Omega

God's Blessing