04-21-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

"Just as God called Jesus from a shepherd to sheep, Jesus is calling us from being sheep to becoming shepherds—an embodiment of God's love and provision for all."

- Jim Woodrum

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Questions for Reflection —

- In what ways have you experienced God's care and provision? How do you know Jesus as the Good Shepherd in your life? When have you found yourself comforted and guided by Jesus? What does it mean to you that Jesus knows you and calls you by name? What are the practices that enable you to listen for and recognize Jesus' voice?
- What people have acted as shepherds in your life? Who has affirmed and encouraged you on your journey of faith and accompanied you on your spiritual path? How might you serve as a shepherd for someone else to encourage and affirm their walk of faith? How can we as a congregation allow the voice of the Good Shepherd to speak through us as we reach out to hurting and marginalized people? How can we embody God's love and provision, making space for all?
- In what ways is your soul weary? What would restoration of your soul look and feel like to you? Where and how do you find rest? What nourishes your soul? What helps you find the inner stillness that opens you to deeper companionship with Jesus?

Daily Household Prayer

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice. So that you may send us to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.