

“I Am The Gate”
Cal Heights UMC Online Worship
May 3rd, 2020

Greeting (Psalm 95:5)

Come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker!

Prelude

Fugue

J. Pachelbel

Welcome & Announcements

Online Worship Bulletin and Other Downloads
Project 1-2-10
Phone Tree/Grocery Brigade
Coffee Fellowship
Wednesday Evening LiveStream Worship

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations!

Opening Hymn

Lord of the Dance

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Opening Prayer

Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. Amen.

Special Music

The Lord is My Light and Salvation

Owen Lovejoy

Scripture**John 10:1-10**

1“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Message

Stranger Danger & Theological Thieves

Response

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 381

Holy Communion

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
When captive to fear and oppression,
You made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
Now, as your people,
we boldly declare your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us to freedom, life, and wholeness.

By your Spirit keep us in Christ,
unite us to one another and to all the world,
sustain the sick and comfort the dying,
strengthen all who minister in your name,

lift us from doubt and despair,
and lead us at last to your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.**Amen.**

Offertory	Jesus, Cornerstone of our Faith	F. Hill
Closing Hymn	Lord, You Give the Great Commission	584
Benediction		
Postlude	Trumpet Tune	W. Held



