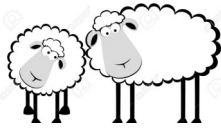


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Brandon Christian Church



Second Sunday of Easter

# Flock Talk

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## Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Cammie Denton  
Psalm: Psalm 16  
Epistle: John 20:19-31

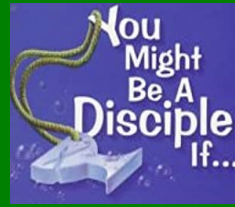
Sr. Minister: Rev. Day Broers-Case  
Sermon Text: Acts 1:1-14

Sermon: "You Shall be My Witness"

## Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Cammie Denton, Brian Sears  
Music Director: Rick Barclay  
Audio/Video: Tom Smiley

## You Might Be a Disciple If:



To bring a little levity during this difficult time, this space will be featuring jokes from "You Might Be A Disciple If..." By David Patrick Polk

"You might be a Disciple if... You think churchwide planning is an oxymoron"

"You might be a Disciple if... Your Elder prays about wine, but the Deacon serves you grape juice"

"You might be a Disciple if... When asked if your congregation is pro or con on any social issue you answer "Yes!""

And, my favorite.... "You might be a Disciple if... A friend asks about your minister, "Is he good?" and you answer, "Yes, she's great!"

In essentials, unity.  
In non-essentials, liberty.  
In all things, love!



## Join Zoom Fellowship

After Worship this week we will be giving Zoom Fellowship a try. Here is the info for how to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86816983044?pwd=Z2EwUFVjekZ6eUxoZkd5bzZJMUVJZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 1698 3044

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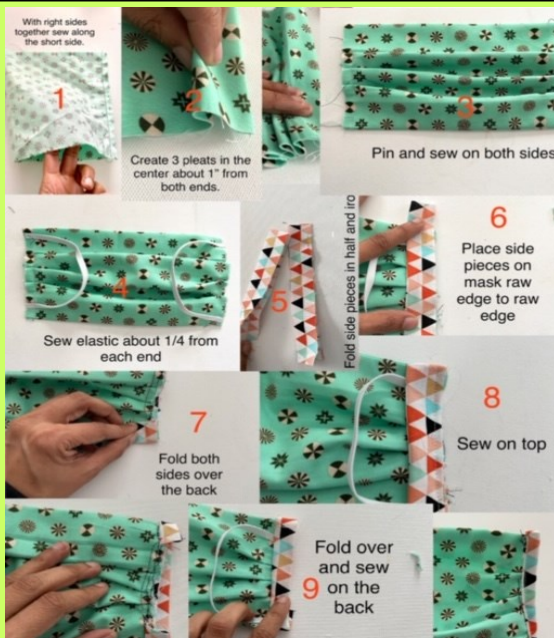
We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

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Jo Henkel's son works for Southwest Airlines at Tampa International Airport, and they have been unsuccessful in obtaining masks for airport workers. She is asking if anyone is able to make some for her to donate? If you interested please contact Jo Henkel. She is willing to pick the masks up and deliver them to TIA.



# One Shepherd's Thoughts...



This past month or so has been a difficult time for all of us. One scripture that has brought me comfort during this Covid 19 time is Psalm 23. Don't you love it too?

Psalm 23 reminds us of God's great affection as our Shepherd. It reminds us of God's care and attention for us and to us. It reminds us of God's protection of us. The 23rd Psalm is a comfort. I think I read it almost every day. And it made me think...

"What if we turned all our 'What If's' into 'Even Thoughts'?"

Just as the Psalmist does in not placing focus on "What if you walk through the valley of the shadow of death", but rather "Even though you..." when that thought hit me—my whole body felt alert and I knew that Holy Spirit nudge was saying, "This one is for you!"

Fear is "an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat" or "anxious concern". My own list tends to center around health, family and future. For each one—instead of saying to myself, "I'm afraid of \_\_\_\_\_", I'm really thinking, "What if \_\_\_\_\_?"

What if my aching back never feels better? What if something happens to Dave? What if our kids get in an accident? What if my knees and legs get weak? Just the words, "What If" make my heart quake, knowing any way I finish that sentence will be scary! No matter the focus of the "What If", it leads me to feeling alone in my fear, pensive, unsure and anticipating bad things. "What If" leaves me dangling—full well knowing that something may happen or not—so I'm stuck feeling very insecure and unsettled. In abundant grace, God offers a better way. Psalm 23 verse 4 gives us a roadmap.

**"Even though** I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."  
NIV

Not "what if" I take such a difficult journey—as we all will at some point—or many times in our life. But rather "even though" I take such a journey. Just attaching those two words to one of my fears—"Even though my back may never feel better"—somehow physically feels like a weight rolling off my shoulders—like a fresh breath of air and a letting go.

The Psalmist gives clear reason for being able to speak "even though" in confidence. "You are with me", "Your rod and your staff, they comfort me". There is the Shepherd. Present. Protecting. Tending, Caring. Encouraging. Directing. Leading. Loving.

I'm choosing to daily embrace a better way of thinking—a new way to battle fear. When a fear pops up, no matter how silly or overwhelming, my heart now says "Even though..." I can feel myself falling back into the Shepherd's embrace and letting God carry the weight, knowing God knows and that God's presence is enough.

May you grab hold of every "What If" when it hits and acknowledge the good Shepherd's presence with a simple whisper back to God, "Even though..."

Happy Easter!  
Rev Day

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside quiet waters.

**HE RESTORES MY SOUL.**

HE GUIDES ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; **FOR YOU ARE WITH ME**

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me

You prepare a table before me

In the presence of my enemies.

**YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS.**

Surely goodness and love will follow me

**ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,**

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# PSALM 23

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Building community, strengthening lives.

Family Promise Host Week at Brandon Christian Church starts Sunday, April 26, through Saturday, May 2. Due to the virus and having to stay at

home, our current family is staying at the Day Center on Morgan Street. This is the same family we met at our last host week. The program is on hold until the virus has passed.

We are still responsible for providing food for the family. Dad likes to cook, and they have a vehicle. The Day Center now also has a deep freezer for access food! It has been suggested that we bring meals in disposable containers (not to be returned), give gift cards for Publix, Walmart, Aldi, or gift cards for drive-in foods.

I will be available at the church parking lot with my trunk open to accept all donations. I will then deliver all items to the driveway of the house keeping the six foot distance so we all stay safe.

The family likes Pepsi, Sprite, Orange soda, juice, whole milk. We will also be providing lunch meat, bread, breakfast items.

PLEASE CONTACT SUE BENITEZ FOR ANY DONATIONS YOU WANT TO GIVE

(813) 765-9656

Thank you!

## Prayer Needs...



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| <b>BARNES</b> , Johnny & Danielle (Powell)   | <b>LEUNG</b> , Gordon and Anthony         |
| <b>BAUCH</b> , Scott & Pam (Failes)          | <b>MAYER</b> , Vicki                      |
| <b>BENNETT</b> , Adam (Benitez)              | <b>McKINLEY</b> , Sarah Lynn (Denton)     |
| <b>BENNICK</b> , Patty (Garthwaite)          | <b>MICHAEL</b> , (Jo H.)                  |
| <b>BROERS-CASE</b> , Rev Day                 | <b>MILLER</b> , Brooke (Blinder)          |
| <b>BRYAN</b> , Thelma (Rev Day)              | <b>MOJICA</b> , Nelda (Betty C.'s Mom)    |
| <b>BURDICK</b> , Ronald (Skasko)             | <b>MOJICA</b> , Ruthie (Betty C's Sister) |
| <b>BUTTERWECK</b> , Chris                    | <b>PAULSON</b> , Diane                    |
| <b>CAIN</b> , Gail                           | <b>POWELL</b> , Betty (Rev. Day)          |
| <b>COLLINS</b> , Rev. James (Rev Day)        | <b>RIENSCHKE</b> , Nancy                  |
| <b>DENTON</b> , Bill                         | <b>RODGERS</b> , Cheryl (Benitez)         |
| <b>DIGREGORIO</b> , Robyn                    | <b>SMITH</b> , Tim                        |
| <b>DUPONT</b> , Andy (Kathy M.)              | <b>STUEBER</b> , Susan (Solomon)          |
| <b>ECKDAHL</b> , Kathy                       | <b>UPTON</b> , Dallas (Jean)              |
| <b>FAILES FAMILY</b>                         | <b>VELEZ</b> , Fernando (Elizabeth)       |
| <b>FUERST</b> , Jacob (Drayer)               | <b>WATSON</b> , Tom                       |
| <b>GAINES</b> , Matthew (DiGregorio)         | <b>WATTS</b> , Dorothy (former member)    |
| <b>GIBERSON</b> , Milton (Tom) & Joan        | ++new name                                |
| <b>HALL</b> , Lori (Jean U.)                 |   |
| <b>HUSKEY</b> , Joshua (Powell)              |   |
| <b>KYLE</b> , Julie (Peterson)               |   |
| <b>LEBOW</b> , Jake (Friend of the Powell's) |   |

Please also pray for all those affected by Covid-19, our first responders, medical care professionals, and those out on the front lines to protect us.