

## 04-26-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Now we may find ourselves as sheep that have already walked through the gate, heard the voice of the Shepherd, and are living happily in community. But we forget that there are others who still need to hear the comforting and healing voice of the One who offers fullness of life. Perhaps through our living and witness we can help them find their way home.”

*Jefferson Furtado*



John 10:1-10

### Questions for Reflection —

- When or in what ways have you experienced the guidance and comfort of Jesus the Good Shepherd in your life? In what ways might you in turn fulfill the role of shepherd with family, coworkers, neighbors, or friends? What will help you feel more empowered and equipped to be a bold and faithful witness to the hope and joy of life in Christian community? How might you invite and welcome others to the sheepfold of our congregation? What might we do as a congregation to participate in the work of the Good Shepherd in bringing comfort and healing to the hurting people and places in our world?
  
- How have you learned to recognize the voice and trust the call of Jesus in your daily life? What competing voice(s) create the “noise” that distracts you from listening to the voice of Jesus? What do you need in order to tune out the distractions and focus on Jesus’ call for you? What spiritual practices will help you grow in your ability to listen more deeply and respond more fully to the guiding voice of the Good Shepherd?
  
- What for you is the difference between worldly success and spiritual flourishing? What does a spiritually abundant life look like? In what ways is the abundant life promised by Jesus a reality in your own life? In what ways does your life feel less than abundant? What “thieves” threaten to steal your peace, joy, and hope? What do you need in order to more fully flourish spiritually? How can we as a congregation promote spiritual flourishing for all?

### Daily Household Prayer

God of love, Shepherd of our souls, we listen for Your voice, the voice that speaks the world into being, the voice that calls our secret name, the voice that leads us to abundant life. Speak to us. We are listening, ready to follow. Amen.