

Lighthouse Worship

The Good Shepherd – Pastor Jon Donohue
Sunday, May 10, 2020



Happy Mother's Day!

I want to wish all our moms, and all who help mother, a Happy Mother's Day! We are so thankful for all of you. We know that being a mom can be a thankless role, with lots of challenge and responsibility. Know that we see you, we love you, and we celebrate you! Thank you for raising up the next generation of Christ-followers who will take the Light of Jesus and pass it forward, offering eternal hope to future generations. Also- FYI: Your kids were mailed a package this week with a special activity for Mother's Day. Keep your eyes open for it!

Rich blessings!
Pastor Jon

- **Opening Prayer**

As you approach your time of worship this morning, take some time to invite Holy Spirit into your space, asking Him to lead you forward in your relationship with the Good Shepherd Jesus, and giving Him the praise He deserves.

- **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 146:1-10 Praise the LORD! Let all that I am praise the LORD. I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath. Don't put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there. When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them. But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the LORD their God. He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He keeps every promise forever. He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry. The LORD frees the prisoners. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down. The LORD loves the godly. The LORD protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked. The LORD will reign forever. He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations. Praise the LORD!

- **Responsive Worship**

Apply this Psalm to your own life. Take some time to share praises together about what the Lord has done for you over the past few weeks.

- **Worship Through Song** (Recommended: Use computer or cast to a TV)

Living Hope (Phil Wickham): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f2FXxDVO6w>

- **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

- **Discussion**

Which truth in Psalm 23 is most encouraging for you right now, and why?

- **Responsive Reading (adapted from Steve Brown)**

Leader: I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing, declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:4)

All: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. (Psalm 23:1)

Leader: He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. (Micah 5:4)

All: Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever. (Psalm 28:9)

Leader: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I know my sheep and my sheep know me. (John 10:11 & 14)

All: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth. (Psalm 80:1)

Leader: And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. (1 Peter 5:4)

- **Special Meditative Song**

Good Shepherd (Mercy Hill Worship): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iA-hjMz_bc

- **Lighthouse Message and Communion** (Have communion elements ready.)

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelFrg>

- **Discussion**

1. What most impacted you from the Scriptures or message today?
2. How does the fact that the Good Shepherd knows you and cares for you personally make a difference in the way you live during this season?
3. How has the Good Shepherd been calling you to follow Him recently? How have you been doing at responding to His call with obedience?
4. The Good Shepherd laid down His life for you. Do you believe it? Have you trusted your whole life to His care, both here and into eternity? If not, what's keeping you from doing so right now?

- **Worship Through Song**

Shepherd (Amanda Cook): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVjedGudN8w>

- **Communal Prayer**

In light of this time of worship and discussion, pray for one another.

Also pray for our nation, community, and church. (Consider using the Prayer Prompts sent out this week: <https://mailchi.mp/a777c463f8c6/call-to-prayer>)

- **Benediction**

My you hear the call of the Good Shepherd clearly this week, and may you follow Him with faithfulness. May the knowledge of His deep care for you lighten your step as you walk through this season of challenge. May you find renewed joy in the fact that NOTHING can snatch us out of our Good Shepherd's hands. Go into this week in peace.

REMINDERS:

- **Virtual Foyer:** Join us via Zoom TODAY between 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/114344692?pwd=VXJubnNra3UybGNWaWcud0FiWmg3Zz09>
- **Pick a Pray Day:** <https://abcdonate.churchcenter.com/people/forms/125727>
ABC is being called to pray for our nation, community, and church. Answer the call by praying through the Prayer Prompts provided weekly via email from the office. Sign up at the link provided above.
- **Giving Options:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving>
- **ABC Updates:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/updates>