

Introduction

The tenth chapter of John sets before us two pictures of the character and conduct of Jesus. In this chapter Jesus is pictured as a shepherd and a door. The picture of Jesus as the Shepherd of the sheep overshadows him as the door. The chapter was written because of the Pharisees seeing themselves as the religious leaders of the Jews. They felt themselves to be capable of bringing the Jews into a right relationship with God. But Jesus inspired the Apostle John to write the words of chapter ten to dispel this idea.

Notice three things about the Christ as the Door

I. The Awesome Responsibility of Jesus to Protect His own (vs.7-8).

“Jesus therefore said to them again, Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. [8] All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.”

II. The Protective Eyes of Jesus, the Door Keeper (vs.9).

Speaks of Salvation to all who come through the door of the Shepherd
“I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”

*The story of a blind man who came to the saving knowledge of Christ through (Acts 4:12)

III. The Contrast of the Door Keeper and False Teachers (vs.10)

“The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.”

As the door of the sheep, Jesus gives life at a level that is above and beyond anything we could have or would have without him. This is so because he provides all our needs through his continual presence, his unlimited grace, and power to protect. Jesus said, “I am the door of the sheep.”
Is He the Door of Hope for You?

Welcome to



Central Church

Our Mission

Central United Methodist Church Glorifies God through the Work of Ministry and the Making of Disciples of Jesus Christ.

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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Celebration Service

October 15, 2017

19th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.

Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.

INTROIT

“Gentle Shepherd”

On screen

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 100:1-5 (congregation in bold)

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

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Hymnal 110

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

Holy God, Shepherd of our souls, we gather together to worship thee—for You created us, redeemed, sustain us, and walk beside us in good and bad times. Calling us by name, we hear your voice and follow you. You are our God!

At this moment, grant us grace to worship You in truth and in Spirit! Awaken us from slumber as we bring our fears and anxieties into your presence. Help us to hear the call of the Good Shepherd, and allow His voice to lead us out from selfish ambition to the feast of grace. Let the light of Christ shine into the hidden darkness of our lives.

Restore us for the service of the Lord. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

ANTHEM

“Lead Me, Lord”

Chancel Choir

Samuel Wesley, arr. by Leavitt

SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

And Also with You!

(Please take this time to greet one another in the Name of Christ by saying, “Peace be with you” and your neighbor says “And also with you”)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Children age 4 & under are welcome to leave for the nursery downstairs after the *Children’s Moment*.

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Holy Lord, you have perfected love among us by sending your son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We humbly acknowledge your gift is an overwhelming pronouncement of grace for all. We share these tithes and offerings today with the hope that your children everywhere will be anointed with the knowledge that your perfect love casts out all fears. Through our witness, grant them grace also to see the need of the Good Shepherd—even Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

Please stand for the reading of God’s word, as you are able.

*SCRIPTURE: John 10:1-10 Pew Bible NT#97

SERMON: “THE SAYING OF CHRIST: ‘I AM’” Rev. Dominic Tommy
“I am the Door of the Sheep”

*CLOSING HYMN: “I Know Whom I Have Believed” vs 1,2,4 Hymnal 714

*BENEDICTION Choral Response “Lord Be Glorified” vs 2 TFWS 2150

**In our world, Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In my song Lord
Be glorified today.**

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*

Have you ever heard of "Dinners for Eight"? A date is set, there are hosts/hostesses that open their homes and provide the meat and potatoes. The guests sign up to participate and help with other parts of the meal. The dinners would all happen at the same time. This would be a time to linger over dinner and have fellowship time with members of our church. We are thinking of planning this for a Sunday afternoon in December. If you are interested in being a host/hostess, please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall. We will share more information as this event unfolds. If you have questions, see Andrea Gentner (616-374-7126) for more details.

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You are invited to a Bake Sale – Bazaar at the Peace United Methodist Church on Friday, October 20, from 10 am to 6 pm. They are located 4 miles west of Nashville on M-79 Highway. All proceeds to Missions. See bulletin board for more details.

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Our Annual Church Conference is scheduled for **this Tuesday, October 17, from 6:00 to 8:15 pm.** It will be held at Lakewood United Methodist Church. *We encourage all of our members to attend.*

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Mark the Dates:

Christmas 'Round the Town

Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25

The UMW is hosting Christmas 'round the Town in our Fellowship Hall for vendors and their wares. Booths are still available; see Terri Catt.

MINISTER: Every Member of This Church
PASTOR: Rev. Dominic Tommy
SECRETARY: Kim Stoepker
ORGANIST: Marilyn Noffke
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jackie Spagnuolo
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela
TODAY'S SERVICE:

Worship Assistant
Tom Reiser

Audio/Visual

Today: Tony Barcroft / Kay Barcroft
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Margie First
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

Today: Elaine Garlock / Dale Mossburg / Brenda Steele
Next Sunday: Elaine Garlock / Dale Mossburg / Carolyn Jackson

Nursery

Today: Char Kendregan / Penny Thelen
Next Sunday: Jean Cook / Dawn Deardorff

Ushers

Today: John Gentner / Mark Corston
Next Sunday: Same

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In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Dominic at the parsonage (374-8294) or on his cell (269-941-3787) or the Church Office during office hours.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Helen Miller Mary Shuert Unspokens
Shar Goodemoot Lori Way Janet King
Terena Galaviz Safe travel for those leaving to warmer climates
Praise: Patti Cooreman

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis Karl Klynstra Gary Smith
Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston Toni Robinson Ed Hilliker
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr Dale Patterson Hank Minenna
1SG Nicholas Ludema Phylis Armstrong Susan Steele
PFC Jason Hilley Pam Coleman Sharon Brink
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow Terena Galaviz Ross McDowell
Brian Rayner Travis Tucker and family Judi Brandon
Bonnie Leak Kim Seese Patti Coorman

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott Margot Bailey Ada Dennie
Lois Goodemoot Joanne McDaniels Phil Shetterly
Ed Reiser

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Mulliken United Methodist Church, Mulliken
St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox, Woodbury

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

10/15 Ruth Bylsma
Penny Thelen
10/18 Brandon Freidhoff
10/19 Tim Goodemoot

Anniversaries

10/17 Don & Angie Landon – 36 years
10/19 Shane & Lori McNeill – 21 years

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EVENTS

Mon 10/16 **UMW Field Trip** – meet at the church at 11 am
Finance Committee Meeting – Front Room 6 pm
AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tue 10/17 **Annual Church Conference** – Lakewood United Methodist 6 pm
Wed 10/18 Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary 7 pm
Thu 10/19 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm
Fri 10/20 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*
Sun 10/22 Sunday School – classrooms 9:30-10:15 am
Worship Service – Sanctuary 10:30 am
All-Church Fall Festival – Kostanko’s home 1 to 4 pm
Mon 10/23 A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Wed 10/25 **Friendship Group** – Fellowship Hall 9 am–12 pm
Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary 7 pm
Thu 10/26 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm
Fri 10/27 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*
Sun 10/29 Sunday School – classrooms 9:30-10:15 am
Worship Service – *Noisy Offering* 10:30 am
Mon 10/30 A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Wed 11/1 Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary 7 pm
Thu 11/2 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm
Fri 11/3 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*

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