



MILWAUKEE MENNONITE CHURCH
A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA

April 30, 2023

PRELUDE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

Call to Worship: VT 868

VT 9 - *Come away from Rush and Hurry*

Psalm 23 - VT 725

Confessing and Reconciling

VT 389 - *Together*

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Lectio Divina

1. Lectio (read) *NIV*
2. Meditatio (Reflect) *The Message*
3. Oratio (Respond) *Common English Bible*
4. Contemplatio (Rest)

VT 574 - *We shall walk*

Responding

Prayers of the people

VT 840 *God be with you*

Benediction:

Postlude

NEXT WEEK - May 7

2:00 - Alverno Choir Concert

Tech: Aaron

Greeter: TBD

Worship: TBD

Reflection: Mark

Snack: TBD

After Worship: Congregational Meeting

"EFFORTS TO KEEP FOLKS OUT OF THE FOLD"

"You can keep them out of the church.
But you can't keep them out of the kingdom."



Cartoons by David Hayward



"This cartoon is about more than acceptance, it's about friendship.

Jesus Christ is completing the puzzle of love with his LGBTQ+ friends. They're comfortable and happy — this is clearly a safe space. The puzzle is made up of diverse pieces, including me and you. And every single piece, just like every single person, is loved and important." *David Hayward*

John 10:1-10

New International Version

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

10 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:1-10

The Message

He Calls His Sheep by Name

10 1-5 “Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he’s up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won’t follow a stranger’s voice but will scatter because they aren’t used to the sound of it.”

6-10 Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. So he tried again. “I’ll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good—sheep rustlers, every one of them. But the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

John 10:1-10

Common English Bible

1 I assure you that whoever doesn’t enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. 2 The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. 5 They won’t follow a stranger but will run away because they don’t know the stranger’s voice.” 6 Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn’t understand what he was saying.

7 So Jesus spoke again, “I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. 8 All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.