

# Faith United Methodist Church

March 28, 2021

I Am



## Centering

*<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you. The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations. Exodus 3:14-15*

## Welcome

## Opening Prayer

Holy God, be present with us as we come to know you more deeply in our lives. Help us to see your work in the world in ancient days and this day. Draw our hearts and minds closer to you so that we will be committed to doing your work in your world. Through Jesus Christ, who showed us the way, we pray, **Amen.**

## Music

## Prayer of Illumination

O Lord open our hearts and lives to your word so that we may be transformed into faithful disciples. **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

John 10:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks Be to God. **Amen.**

Special Music

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
(please reflect on these words silently)*

*Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.  
All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Witness

*I Am: The Gate*

Music

Joys & Concerns

Prayer of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, as your children, draw us all closer to you in our daily life and work.

Lord God, you are the bread and the wine as your body in the world help us work for justice, freedom, and peace in all that we do.

Lord God, you are the light of the world, shine through us as we love and care for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lord God, you are the Good Shepherd, guide & protect all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; comfort the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lord God, you are the Door, so help your Church, all who proclaim the Gospel, our Bishop Scott, our Superintendent Romonica, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, for all who serve you to welcome your people.

Lord God, you are the Resurrection and the Life, so grant eternal life to those who have died and hope for all who grieve.

In silence we name our own needs and the needs of others...

For your mercy is great so we gather all these prayers that have been spoken and those written on our hearts to you through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Offering & Prayer for the Gifts of the Community

O God, our hope, transform our gifts and the acts of giving into ministries of love and compassion to all the persons this church serves in your name. **Amen.**

Music

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, through the Gate which God has opened, to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd offering care, love, offering a place of healing. So that together we may live in the world that God has planned and prepared for us all. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

**Amen.**

## Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux  
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.  
Sidney Arceneaux  
Kim Craigen Ard  
Lucian Adams  
Dolores Anderson  
Vee Battaglio  
Brenda Bermaster  
Lloyd Betar  
Mary Bevil  
Roland Blanchard  
Bonnie Blankenship  
Donna Suppa Bolton  
Jo Bordeaux  
Pat Borel  
Glenda Brooks  
Jean Brooks  
Kent Broussard  
Ann Campbell  
Norma Campbell  
Robert & Roxie Castilaw  
Jared Castolenia  
Matthew Cerda  
Tana Champeau  
Rebecca Chance  
Billie Cherry  
Kim Wilber Conn  
Derick Cooper  
Kyle & Beth Craigen  
Dakota Crutchfield  
Jimmy & Emily Davis  
Bobbye Dean  
Mary Delafosse  
Tammy Dufour

Julie Duplichan  
Keven Dupre  
Marli Dupuy  
Joe Floyd  
Sheila Frederick  
Lorene Green  
Rachel Grimmett  
Robert Hargraves  
Connie Hebert  
MaryJo Hebert  
Susie Hesselteine  
Edna & Raymond Jones  
Selwyn Jones  
Alice Kethley  
Kristi Key  
Ray & Tammy Lake  
Bud Landry  
Clyde Landry  
Dora Mae LeDaux  
Fred Ledesma  
Alice & Louis Loftin  
Orianna Marchand  
Matt Markos  
Barbara Martin  
Randy & Shannon Mayfield  
Gary & Vicky Minaldi  
Linda Meyers  
Ron & Michelle Mueller  
Joyce Murphy  
Eric Neal  
Arnold Northcut  
Kelly Simmons Owens  
Jim Padgett  
Jimmy & Ruby Parker

John & Candance Perkins  
*Family of Danny Phillips*  
Melva Phillips  
Harlan Phipps  
Mercedes Pierson  
Justin Plake  
John Pool  
Kenny Puckett  
Charles Quinn  
Beverly Reese  
Buddy Renkema  
Nikki Castilaw Rice  
Edward Rivet  
Randy & Darlene Rivett  
Floyd Roche  
Ezekiel Romero  
Joann Savelle  
Shawna Shaw  
Loretta Shearer  
Brooke Simon  
Harriet Simpson  
*Family of Smitty Smith*  
James Sowell  
Kim Streed  
Bob Taylor  
Sadina Hammock Ward  
Mary Alice Weitzel  
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We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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