

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday April 21st

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Open Doors

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

— written by Thom Shuman on [Lectionary Liturgies](#).

OPENING PRAYER

Lord,

We who live in a world of cities, tall buildings,
one way streets, suburbs, and gated communities
don't necessarily know what sheep are like
or what shepherding entails.

Sometimes we do feel like sheep in our world
being herded by the dos and don'ts,
oughts and ought naughts, media,
voices we don't even recognize.

Sometimes the din of the voices gets so loud

we can't even recognize our own voice.
Calm and quieten our hearts, our minds and our souls
to that one small voice; yours.
And in hearing your voice we hear our own voices
that we sing your song of grace to one another. Amen.

~ written by Rev Abi, and posted on **Rev Abi's Long and Winding
Road** blog. <http://vicarofwadley.blogspot.ca/>

HYMN Thou Art Worthy (OneLic) TFWS 2041

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER This is Where Children Belong

CHILDRENS MOMENT

ANTHEM Written in Red (CCLI) by Jensen/Kirkland

TIME OF PRAYER

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever.
Amen.**

PRAYER HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (pub dom) UMH 381

LESSON 1: **1 John 3:16-24**

¹⁶This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we
ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷But if
someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need

but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

¹⁸ Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. ¹⁹ This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. ²⁰ Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. ²² We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. ²⁴ Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

May God add a blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2 John 10:11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

¹⁷ "This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

This is the Word of God for all people.

