# COS Sunday Devotional Streaming Fourth Sunday of Easter 05/03/20

#### **Prelude Music**

#### Welcome

During the Easter Season, we will consider **An Easter Perspective of Obedience**. Each week we will look at the Easter perspective in a different way. Today we examine **hearing versus seeing**. We are too clinical, too scientific maybe, to understand the deep emotional difference between seeing something and hearing it. But Jesus bids us to stop and ask ourselves how *hearing* goes to emotions - to feeling safe, to being called by a shepherd.

#### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Confession

Lord, we truly have wandered away from our Shepherd like lost sheep. We have sinned in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet You sent Your Son Jesus to be our Savior. Since Jesus is also God Himself in human flesh and blood, He has become our true Shepherd, going out into the wilderness to find us when we were lost and who then brings us home rejoicing. Forgive our wandering sins, Dear Lord, and let us rejoice every day over the Savior who has found us when we were lost.

#### **Absolution**

#### **Music for Meditation**

I have seen still waters
I have walked their shores
In the midst of darkness
In the fiercest storms

#### Chorus:

Because You set a table before me And prepare a feast You pour the wine in the presence Of my enemies

# You Set a Table Before Me, Kip Fox

In the gravest valleys
I am not afraid
Of the foes around me
Or the claims they make (Chorus)
Oh, My cup overflows
Oh, You restore my soul (Chorus)

First Reading Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

#### Children's Sermon

**Pastor Ed** 

# **Online Sharing of the Peace**

# **Offering Music**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, Koiné

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never. I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me; And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me.

Confused and foolish, oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me; And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With You, dear Lord, beside me; Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.

You spread a table in my sight; A banquet here bestowing; Your oile of welcome, my delight My cup is overflowing!

And so through all the length of days, Your goodness fails me never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise Within Your house forever.

# **Congregational Prayers**

## **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 forever and ever. Amen.

# Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the sheepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of

strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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.

## **Devotional Message by Pastor Ely Prieto**

# **Closing Prayer**

#### Benediction

#### **Final Music**

#### I am Jesus' Little Lamb, Concordia

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

#### **Chat Time - For those on Zoom or MixIr**

Use this time to chat with the pastors or each other!