**Blackburn’s Chapel Home Worship**

**Week of 3/23/2020**

**Gathering prayer –**

You, Lord, are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Thank you, that you know us and call us by name. Guide us as your followers into moments of calm and peace. In the anxiety we may have, be present O Lord. We thank you for gathering us in Spirit together to pray and continue to grow in faith. May your will, not our own, be done. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**Scripture – Psalm 23**

**Reflection Questions**

1. Which of the following images from Psalm 23 are most comforting and why? (Makes me lie down in green pastures; leads me beside still waters; restores my soul; leads me in right paths for his name’s sake?)
2. How are the shepherd’s – God’s - rod and staff comforting? The rod and the staff of the shepherd guide the sheep. What’s serving as God’s guiding presence in your life right now?
3. Reflect on the ways/places this week where you’ve seen God’s goodness and mercy present in your life.

**Scripture – Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Reflection Question**

1. Sometimes it’s hard to see ourselves as light when the darkness overwhelms. What are some small things you’ve done this week to help God’s light shine in the world?
2. We wake up every morning with a new day ahead of us. What would your day(s) look like if the first thing you did was praise God and give your life to Him? Say a prayer upon waking, giving praise to the one who creates, sustains, and redeems.

**Worship in Song**

Hillsong Worship – “Awake My Soul”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqqDc2BIpxs>

**Closing prayer – the original Serenity Prayer**

God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change...

Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will.

That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.