**Blackburn’s Chapel Home Worship**

**Week of 4/27/2020**

**Gathering prayer –** To you, O Lord, we offer our burdens and worries of the day. We pray that your promises of presence, hope, and salvation may come true in our hearts and lives today. Show us the ways, Lord, to share our love of you today with those who don’t yet know it. Open us to the indwelling of your Son, our Savior, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our day, our work, our words, and our rest. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**Scripture – Matthew 9: 14-17**

**Reflection Questions**

1. How does Jesus’ words about old and new wineskins speak into your life today? What are some of the old wineskins - old ways of living and being the church – that you feel like we may need to leave behind?
2. Old wineskins and old garments may be worn, but they’re also comfortable and known. What, if anything, is stopping you from looking at the ways God is calling you to seek out new wineskins? What do you see as “new wine” right now in the church and in the world?

**Scripture – Isaiah 43:1-4**

**Reflection**

1. In the midst of prophecy concerning the people of Israel, we have these powerful, uplifting assurances from God. God rebukes, but God also guides and comforts. What words from God in this passage stay with you the most at this time?
2. God’s assurance is **during** troubles times, not only in times of calm and peace. Is it difficult for you to believe God’s promises during times like these? When you walk through the fire, do you truly believe that God will protect you? Why or why not?

**Worship in Song**

Enter The Worship Circle (feat. Karla Adolphe) – “You Are Mine (Isaiah 43)”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PY5q3HVkyYA>

**Closing prayer – A Collect for guidance from the BCP, p. 100.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being. We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.