



# Café VEF Worship Service

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<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Pastor Tom</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>Psalm 34:4-7</b>
<b>Worship in Song</b>	<b>Kyrie Eleison Be Unto Your Name Good Good Father He Knows My Name</b>
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Jims</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34:11-16 1 John 3:1-2</b>
<b>Message "The Good Shepherd"</b>	<b>Pastor John John 10:1-18</b>
<b>Response Song</b>	<b>He Knows My Name</b>
<b>Communion</b>	
<b>Benediction</b>	

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

During our time of fellowship after every service is also a good time for special prayer, whether it be a health crisis, career decision, family situation, or prayer to place your faith in Christ as Lord and Savior of your life. Please don't hesitate to contact any one of our staff to pray with you. Every Wednesday, our staff shares in a special time of prayer for VEF needs. If you would like prayer or would like the staff to pray for a friend or relative, your request can be registered at [prayer.vefellowship.com](http://prayer.vefellowship.com).

**VEF PASTORS** seek to be available for spiritual direction or to discuss life issues. Most days, they are at the church during the mornings from 8:30 to 12 and then in the afternoons and evenings are working from their home offices or are available to visit cell group meetings, in homes, or meet for tea/coffee at a restaurant.

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## How to pay tithes by Wire Transfer

You can transfer your offerings to Victory's Postal account, the bank code is 700, follow by the account number - 0061021 0478485. Contact Pastor John at [vefpastor@gmail.com](mailto:vefpastor@gmail.com) or Yu-Hwa at [yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw](mailto:yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw). Please make sure to contact one of them the first time to make sure the money goes into the VEF account and transfer was properly made.

Join us on LINE or FB to get regular updates regarding VEF.



# Announcements

Today @10:45-12:00 – Bible Study on 1 Peter

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Transitions Seminar** from 2-4PM @ Victory. Life is full of transitions and changes. You might be graduating soon, getting married, starting a new job, changing jobs, moving to a new country, etc. How can we thrive in the midst of change? For more information or to register for the workshop please contact Esta Gracias, Intercultural Relationship & Parenting Counselor for more information - [estagracias92@gmail.com](mailto:estagracias92@gmail.com).

## Last Sunday's (4/18)

- Morning worship attendance – 125
- Afternoon worship attendance – 49
- Children's Sunday school attendance – 41

## Question: "How is Jesus the 'True Shepherd' in John 10:1-5?"

<https://www.gotquestions.org/True-Shepherd.html>

**Answer:** By referring to Himself as the True Shepherd, Jesus was invoking imagery that would have been familiar to His hearers. He used the symbols of sheep and their shepherd several times, referring to Himself as not only the “True” Shepherd, but the Good Shepherd ([John 10:11](#)), and the Door of the sheep ([John 10:7](#)). The three declarations in [John 10](#) present a complete picture of the Lord who is our Shepherd ([Psalm 23](#)).

In order to understand what Jesus intended to convey with sheep/shepherd imagery, we must understand the Middle Eastern shepherd of biblical times. His job was a dirty and dangerous one. Many times all the shepherd had to fight off lions and other wild animals was a staff with a crook. He willingly put his life on the line for his flock. At night, he would put the flock in a makeshift pen that had only one way in and out. The shepherd would open to door to the pen, call the sheep by name, and they would come in and settle safely for the night.

Sheep are skittish animals and “spook” easily. Because they knew the shepherd’s voice, they would calm down and follow him and nobody but him. Several flocks can mix together, and when the flocks’ true shepherd speaks, they separate and follow him. If a thief comes, the sheep will not follow him because they do not know his voice. At night the shepherd lies down at the gate to the pen, to give his life if necessary to protect his flock. And the thief can only climb in over the fence because the shepherd is guarding the gate. Jesus is the True Shepherd to the sheep (true believers) who are His. We know Him, we recognize His voice, and we follow only Him ([John 10:27–28](#)).

What Jesus is saying here ties right into [John 14:6](#): “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by me.” Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd who gives His life willingly for His sheep ([John 10:11](#)), but He is the also the “gate” or “door” of the sheep ([John 10:9](#)). In this metaphor Jesus presents Himself as the One who gives salvation, the One who offers access to heaven. So, Jesus is the True Shepherd who guards His sheep, the Good Shepherd who gives His life for them, and the Doorway to heaven for the sheep who know Him and are known by Him.

Jesus also says there were many who came before Him pretending to be good shepherds. But, He says, they are thieves and robbers who come in among the flock. He is alluding to the false shepherds of Israel, the Pharisees who did not love the people, nor were they willing to sacrifice for them. These self-appointed and self-righteous false shepherds led the sheep of Israel astray from the true knowledge of the Messiah, clinging to a works-based religion that could not lead to salvation ([Ezekiel 34:1–31](#)). These leaders were not the true shepherds of Israel but were like thieves that plundered the flock for their own gain. Sadly, such false shepherds still abound today, more interested in fleecing the flock for their own personal gain, than in feeding and protecting the sheep as true under-shepherds to the True Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ.).