



July &  
August 2017

# Good Shepherd Church

## Mission Statement

*Good Shepherd Community Church:  
Where God loves, Christ heals and people serve.*

**2017**

**Sunday Worship  
10:00a.m.**

**Sunday School during  
Worship**

**Fellowship Coffee  
Following Worship**

**Prayer Time  
1st Sunday of the  
month will be taking a  
break over the summer**

**-July 9th Stampede  
breakfast 8-9:30am**

**-Next Board Meeting  
Aug. 8th at 7:00**

**-Shepherd Meeting  
Wed. Aug. 30th 7:00pm**

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## Reflections on a Fearful Rabbit

The other day, when I took the dog for his morning walk, we happened upon a baby cottontail rabbit. It was a little bit bigger than the palm of my hand. I named him "Peter". Poor Peter was out of his element. Posed between two parked cars, Peter stood motionless, even when a magpie swooped down to snatch a bit of food that was lying beside him. He looked like a garden ornament, frozen in a state of panic, ready to bolt if we got any closer. Our dog, Moses, never saw him as we continued on our way.

Peter was so cute. I wanted so much to stop and simply be with him. I wanted to pick him up and cuddle him. If I could speak "rabbit" I would tell him he had nothing to be afraid of; that I didn't want to harm him but only to be One with him.

Our soul connects us with all of creation. It's through our soul that we see the beauty of a sunrise, the joy of a child at play and the brokenness that accompanies injustice. Only from the perspective of our soul can we hold both the desire to scoop up a bunny and the willingness to refrain from imposing ourselves on this fearful creature. Maybe the latter is the greater love.

God is the spiritual presence that wants to scoop us up and love us into wholeness. Yet so much of society seems to be filled with fear which leads to defensiveness, or even violence. Of course, we allow the violence to justify our fears and if we are consumed by them, we project our suspicions on everyone; even those who mean us no harm. God created us with a soul of compassion and union, and society has suppressed it with fear and suspicion.

Christ came into the world to show us how to be the voice of spiritual reason. Jesus saw everyone as precious children of God, even those who feared, rejected and killed him. He stood in the tension between Divine Love and human fear without defensiveness, vengeance or hate. From this posture, he transformed lives.

We don't speak "rabbit", but maybe Peter is inviting us to stand in the tension between love and fear; first the tension between the love and fear that inhabits our own lives. Then we might stand AS the love of God in the face of the fear that immobilizes and divides humanity.

Pastor Rick Beck

