**Sermon Guide – July 26, 2020 – Surely Goodness and Mercy**

**Psalm 23**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

**3**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

**4**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**5**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**6**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The above is Psalm 23 from the King James Version. You might take a look at other translations to see how they are different and which one speaks to you.

Last Sunday we talked about fear. This week’s psalm refers to enemies.

What particular enemy is challenging you right now?

Pastor Cindy talked about the middle word in the Hebrew translation of Psalm 23 is WITH. What significance do you find in that?

When have you experienced God’s presence WITH you?

What is your reaction to that experience? What significance does it have for you?