



Sharing

Circle Up: Get settled; Reach out to anyone we expected to be here but isn't.
Opening Prayer:

El Shaddai (Almighty God),
Thank you for gathering us in your name and in your presence. Please continue to guide us
as we journey deeper into our relationships with you and with one another.
Amen.

The 3 Questions: Go around the circle answering the 3 questions

1. How is your soul doing?
2. Where have you seen God this week?
3. What's one thing you're grateful for and one thing you're worried about?

Studying

Luke 15:1-7 (NRSVue)

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: **4** "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

Reflection Questions:

Pause for silence. Then "What words or phrases stuck out to you?"

Where do you see yourself in this passage?

How can Milwood UMC and us as individual hands and feet of Christ live out Jesus's message here?

Praying

Pair off and pray for each other in silence or aloud.

At the end of the silent prayer, pray the Lord's Prayer together.

Encouraging

What's your next step on the discipleship path?

What can we do to help each other?

When are we gathering next?