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*Make Us Channels of Your Peace*

## St. Francis Episcopal Church



August 19, 2020

## Improving Your Hearing

**My sheep hear my voice,  
and I know them,  
and they follow me.  
John 10:27**

***One Mark Of A Christian***

Jesus tells us that one of the marks of a Christian is hearing His voice. To know Jesus is to recognize when He is communicating with us. It is like other people in our lives. Part of knowing them is to recognize their voice and other ways they communicate with us. So it is with Jesus and us.

***Improving Our Hearing***

What if it struck you that Jesus was communicating with you in some way? What if that were happening right now? What would you do? Would you ignore it, keep it to yourself, or go act on it right away? Instead of taking any of these as first steps I would suggest a different first step. Notice what Jesus says in the verse above. There seems to be a sequence: Hear his voice, He knows us, we follow Him. Action is the last, but still very important step. The step immediately after hearing the voice of Jesus (in whatever way that happens for you) is to experience how deeply Jesus knows you. To know that Jesus calls you His own gives you the understanding and power to take the action He is prompting you to take. To take action without a sense of belonging to Jesus could take us down the wrong path. To take action knowing we belong to Jesus means we are joining in with what He is already doing. How are you hearing the voice of Jesus today?

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**Coming Attractions**

***Sunday, August 13, 2020*** - Morning Prayer on *Zoom* at 10:00AM

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***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

For Yardworks that business would increase and employees and customers would be safe at this time.

***The Diocese of Virginia***

For the Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders in the diocese that they

would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### ***The Anglican Communion***

For the people of the Diocese of Oklahoma(The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Edward Konieczny; Bunbury(Australia) The Rt Revd Dr Ian Coutts that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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*Grace and Peace,*

***John Maher***

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