

Isaiah 43.14-19

Is. 43:14 Thus says the LORD,
 your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I will send to Babylon
 and break down all the bars,
 and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.

15 I am the LORD, your Holy One,
 the Creator of Israel, your King.

16 Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,

17 who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

18 Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.

19 I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.

Questions for consideration:

1. What image in this story speaks to you most right now?
2. What new thing is God doing in your midst right now?
3. What former things do you not need to remember? What does your congregation need to not let go of to embrace God's new thing?
4. What is this passage saying to you right now?
5. What do you think this passage is saying to Good Shepherd?