

**Morning Worship
February 18, 2018
1st Sunday in Lent**

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee* Powell

Choral Introit *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

*Call to Worship Becky Childers

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Jesus heals the sick and helps the poor.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The one we have searched for is here.

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Holy One, source of all healing and hope, see how everyone is searching for you. Come, take us by the hand and lift us up so that we may serve you in freedom and joy; through Jesus Christ, Sovereign and Savior. Amen.

*Hymn 53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

Call to Confession

All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Yet we believe and proclaim that God yearns to be reconciled with us and to shower mercy on us. Let us confess our sins together, so that we may know the forgiveness of God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. We trust in our own power when you promise to be our strength. We exploit the poor and weak when you promise them salvation. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on you alone and to give ourselves freely for others for the sake of your good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

The majesty and power of the Creator are matched only by Divine mercy and love. Because of this love, made clear in Jesus Christ, we can rejoice that we are forgiven of all rebellion and strong-headedness. God is ever-present with us to guide us home. Friends, trust the good news of your salvation,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

We Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon

Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation

Anthem *The Potter's Hand* Zschech

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,
I know for sure all of my days are held in your hand,
Crafted into your perfect plan.

You gently call me into your presence,
Guiding me by your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life
Through your eyes.

I'm captured by your Holy calling. Set me apart,
I know you're drawing me to yourself.
Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand,
The Potter's hand.

You gently call me into your presence,
Guiding me by your Holy Spirit.
Teach me dear Lord, to live all of my life
Through your eyes.

I'm captured by your Holy calling. Set me apart,
I know you're drawing me to yourself.
Lead me, Lord, I pray, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me.
I give my life to the Potter's hand,
The Potter's hand, the Potter's hand.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Mark 1:29-39

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Healed for Community”

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 795 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

(The choir will sing the first verse once; the congregation will then join them.)

* Declaration of Faith (*1 Cor. 15:1-6*)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

Prayers of The People (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation

Offertory *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Wood

* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee**

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 774 *There Is Now a New Creation*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *Love the Lord Your God*

* Postlude *Voluntary* Hesse

