

**Morning Worship**  
**March 11, 2018**  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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

Minute for Mission The McArn Fund

Tracie Phillips

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Choral Introit *Arise, O Lord Our God, Arise*

\*Call to Worship

Jack McLeod

Look to the Lord your God, and live.

**Give thanks to the Holy One, our Savior.**

For though we once were dead in sin,

**now, by the grace of God, we live.**

Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world.**

**Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over**

**the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us,**

**for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

\*Hymn 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Call to Confession (John 3:19)

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved

darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our

sin before the liberating light of Christ. Let us confess our sins together, so

that we may know the forgiveness of God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our**

**complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit**

**injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of**

**resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We**

**protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address**

**them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal**

**our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of**

**eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation*

Anthem *Feed My Sheep*

Jeffrey Honoré

(Fun Program Children)

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep,

Shepherd with care the flock of the Lord.

Feed my sheep and follow me.

Shepherd with care, shepherd with love.

“Tell me children, have you any fish?”

“No, Lord, we have none.”

“Cast your nets to the right side of the boat.”

“Now our catch is overflowing.”

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep,

Shepherd with care the flock of the Lord.

Feed my sheep and follow me.

Shepherd with care, shepherd with love.

“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

“Simon son of John, do you love me more than theses?”

“Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep,

Shepherd with care the flock of the Lord.

Feed my sheep and follow me.

Shepherd with care, shepherd with love.

Jesus asks of us, “Do you love me?”

We respond, “We love you!”

Jesus says to us now, “Come and follow me.”

“Yes, Lord, today we follow.”

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep,

Shepherd with care the flock of the Lord.

Feed my sheep and follow me.

Shepherd with care, shepherd with love.

Shepherd with care, shepherd with love.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson John 3:14-21

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Experiencing Belief”

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

\* 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Farlee

\* 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 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

\* Benediction and Sending

\* Choral Response *Take Us As We Are, O God*

\* Postlude *Lord Jesus, Think On Me* Fedak

**A congregational meeting** will be convened immediately following the

Benediction and Postlude.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today by Mrs. Atha Lou Gibson

in loving memory of her husband, Bill Gibson and son, Mark Gibson.

