

Morning Worship
March 18, 2018
5th 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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Haan

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

*Call to Worship

Cam Beck

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Lord God, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Call to Confession

All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Yet God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin so that we may know the forgiveness of God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness (*Rom. 5:8-10*)

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation. 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 *My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

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My worth is not in what I own;
Not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name;
In win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Well-spring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die;
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,
Or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Well-spring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

Two wonders here that I confess:
My worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson John 4:3-30, 39-42

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

“Leaving Jars Behind”

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 161 *Woman in the Night*

* Declaration of Faith (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” 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 *Just As I Am*

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 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

* Benediction and Sending

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

* Postlude *Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine*

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