

Order of Worship
April 22, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Our God Is an Awesome God"

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 18:1-3)

Leader: We love you, O LORD, because you are our strength.

People: The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

Leader: We trust you, O Lord, because you are our rock in whom we take refuge and the horn of our salvation.

People: Therefore, we worship you, LORD; and sing to your name, for you are worthy to be praised.

*Hymn: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" # 487

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Lord we confess that we often go astray. Whenever we are lured by the voices of the many shepherds of our age, who are out to exploit, misguide and fleece us, have mercy on us. Whenever we seek to dominate those around us with our ideas and wishes, as if we were up for the job of the good shepherd, have mercy on us. Whenever we become self-important, believing that we no longer need the help of other members of the flock of Christ, Lord have mercy on us. Rescue us from our wanderings, pull us out of the mire, and set our feet on your narrow path that leads to abundant life. Through Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen.

Confession Response: "Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us." # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn Singing

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 6. Did God create man evil and perverse like this?

A. No. On the contrary, God created man good and in his image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might rightly know God his Creator, love him with his whole heart, and live with him in eternal blessedness, praising and glorifying him.

Q. 7. Where, then, does this corruption of human nature come from?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden; whereby our human life is so poisoned that we are all conceived and born in the state of sin.

Q. 8. But are we so perverted that we are altogether unable to do good and prone to do evil?

A. Yes, unless we are born again through the Spirit of God.

*Hymn: "My Shepherd Shall Supply My Need" # 172

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: "**God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again.**"