

Worship for April 19

WELCOME BY PASTOR

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen. (Spoken)**

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

(Psalm 119:97-99,103)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** *(2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" *(John 20:31)*. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: 165 O Sons and Daughters of the King (vs. 1,4,8)

1. O Sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their Lord most dear
And said, "Peace be unto you here." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. Blessed are they have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON: JOHN 20:19-31 Real Wounds for Healing Real Fears and Doubts.

PRAYER

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 trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For thine in the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen. (Spoken)

CLOSING HYMN: #169 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.
 Jesus, out of every nation, Has redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
 Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's redeemer, hear our plea.
 Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
3. Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?