



## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture** John 21:1-19

**Solo** *Feed My Lambs* Natalie Sleeth  
Vivien Fields, soprano

**Sermon** "Do You Love\* Me?" Michael Isaacs

**Hymn #769** *For Everyone Born* For Everyone Born  
Verses 1, 3, 5

**Affirmation of Faith (unison)** from a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

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 and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and live holy and joyful lives.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Welcome and Announcements

**Anthem** *We Come in Wonder* Arr. Jon Paige  
Sanctuary Choir

## The Lord's Supper

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

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.

**Hymn #247**

*Now the Green Blades Rises*

Noel Nouvelet

## **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Benediction Medley*

Arr. Mark Hayes



# ***Our Life Together...***

**Leading worship today:** Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Saige Ryan, Worship Assistant; Lynne Mack, Elder; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard; Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Vivien Fields, Soloist; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician; Mary Brehm, Barista.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

**Sensory toys** are available outside of the nursery for children who may wish to use them during worship.

## **Announcements**

**COVID-19 update for April:** Please review these updated COVID-19 provisions and keep in mind as we gather for our worship and ministry:

- Masks are optional in the Sanctuary and Gathering Area, but are still required in the Nursery and Sunday School spaces.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- Worship does not include the passing of any materials.

**Join us for Bible Study** at 10:00 on Tuesday mornings! In May, we are beginning a three-series titled "Christian Responses to War."

**Renaissance Ringers** will rehearse Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Sanctuary Choir** will rehearse Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

### **Children's Ministry**

**Nursery Care** is available for infants and children up to 5 years old every Sunday, located next to Room 110. **Sunday School** (children ages 6-12) is offered most Sundays in the Godly Play Room. Leaders will escort children to Sunday School. When worship concludes, parents/guardians will need to come to the Godly Play Room to pick up their child(ren). In May, Sunday School will meet on 5/8, 5/15, & 5/22. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.

**Graduates:** Are you graduating? Or is someone in your household graduating? We'd like to lift up graduates in a time of prayer during worship and offer a small gift. Please call the church office or email [sandy@fpcmiddletown.com](mailto:sandy@fpcmiddletown.com) with any names to include.

### **Prayer list**

Please submit any prayer requests for today's service to Michael before the worship service begins, the submitted requests will be included here next week.

## ***Feed My Lambs***

Adapted from Scripture by Natalie Sleeth

Feed My lambs, Tend My sheep,  
over all a vigil keep;  
In My Name lead them forth  
gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray,  
their protector be.  
As you do unto My flock,  
thus you do to Me.

Feed My lambs, Tend My sheep,  
over all a vigil keep;  
In My Name lead them forth  
gently as a shepherd.

Unto all who lose the way,  
Hope and comfort be.  
As you do unto My flock,  
Thus you do to Me.

Feed My lambs, Tend My sheep,  
over all a vigil keep;  
In My Name lead them forth gently,  
gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

## ***We Come in Wonder***

Words and Music by Michael E. Showalter

Arranged by Jon Paige

We come in wonder at the mystery  
of the Savior, crucified.  
We take the bread and cup in memory  
of the day He bled and died!

Jesus broke the chains of fear and strife,  
when He died upon the tree.  
For our sins He sacrificed His life,  
on the cross, He set us free,  
on the cross, He set us free.

Let us break bread together on our, on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our, on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

We pray and search our hearts that  
we may grow in our love to Him each day.  
We seek to learn His truth that we may  
know how to follow in His way.

We were bound to live in guilt and sin,  
but His blood bought our release!  
By His love, He gives us life again,  
by grace, He gives us peace,  
by His grace, He give us peace.

By His grace, He gives us peace!  
Amen.

## **John 21:1-19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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