

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 95:6-7*  
Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
**for he is our God**  
**and we are the people of his pasture,**  
**the flock under his care.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **Now with Joyful Exultation** #95:1,3 (PH)  
Now with joyful exultation  
Let us sing to God our praise;  
To the Rock of our salvation  
Loud hosannas let us raise.  
Thankful tribute gladly bringing,  
Let us come before him now,  
And, with psalms his praises singing,  
Joyful in his presence bow.

To the Lord, such might revealing,  
Let us come with reverence meet,  
And, before our Maker kneeling,  
Let us worship at his feet.  
He is our own God who leads us,  
We the people of his care;  
With a shepherd's hand he feeds us  
As his flock in pastures fair.

\* **O Jesus, We Adore You** #472:1,2 (PH)  
O Jesus, we adore you,  
Upon the cross, our King.  
We bow our hearts before you;  
Your gracious name we sing.  
That name has brought salvation,  
That name in life our stay,  
Our peace, our consolation,  
When life shall fade away.

The world does yet disdain you,  
Still passing by the cross;  
Lord, may our hearts retain you;  
All else we count but loss.  
Ah, Lord, our sins arraigned you  
And nailed you to the tree;  
Our pride, O Lord, disdained you,  
Yet you have set us free.

\* join us in standing if able

**Profession of Faith:** Avery V

**Knowing You**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own;  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

*Refrain:* Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're my rest,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness. *Refrain*

**Lenten Reading:** *Habakkuk 2:19-20*

**Hallelujah for the Cross**

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to  
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Up to the hill of Calvary,  
My Savior went courageously.  
And there He bled and died for me,  
Hallelujah for the cross.  
And on the day the world was changed,  
A final perfect Lamb was slain.  
Let earth and heaven now proclaim,  
Hallelujah for the cross.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah for the war He fought.  
Love has won, death has lost.  
Hallelujah for the souls He bought.  
Hallelujah for the cross.

What good I've done could never save,  
My debt too great for deeds to pay.  
But God, my Savior made a way,  
Hallelujah for the cross.  
A slave to sin, my life was bound.  
But all my chains fell to the ground  
When Jesus' blood came flowing down.  
Hallelujah for the cross. *Refrain*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Mission and Outreach Fund

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *Amazing Grace*

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights**

Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
We turn to walk the inward way,  
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
We live in hope till Easter Day.

And though the road is hard and steep,  
The Spirit ever calls us on  
Through Calvary's dying, dark and deep,  
Until we see the coming Dawn.

\* **Scripture:** *Galatians 3:2-5 (ESV)* pg. 1219

<sup>2</sup> Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? <sup>4</sup> Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? <sup>5</sup> Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith.

*Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)* pg. 1225

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*II Timothy 1:9 (ESV)* pg. 1248

<sup>9</sup> (Our Lord) saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Do Better, Be Better, Try Harder*

**Prayer**

**\* Not What My Hands Have Done** #260:1,2,3 (PH)

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne  
Can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears  
Can bear my awful load.

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;  
Your power alone, O Son of God,  
Can all my sin erase.  
No other work but yours, no other blood will do;  
No strength but that which is divine  
Can bear me safely through.

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.  
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

**\* God's Blessing**

**\* You Servants of the Lord Our God**

#134:2 (PH)

The Lord God bless you from his throne,  
The Lord show you his gracious face.  
He who created heaven and earth  
Give you his everlasting peace.

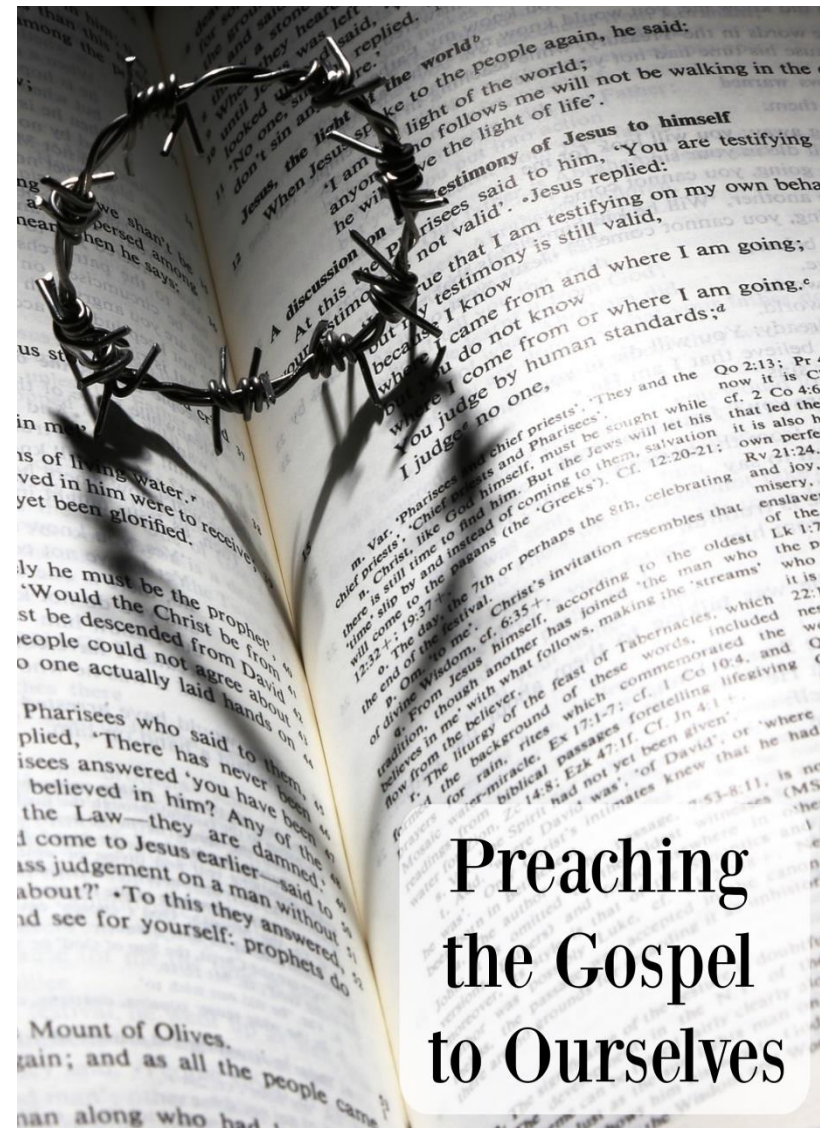
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Lenten Readers: Paul, Sharon and Emily A  
Music: Sharon A, Ken Q, Lee V,  
Avery V, Blake V

Offering: The Mission and Outreach Fund is used to help  
organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence  
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*Galatians 3:2-5; Ephesians 2:8-10; II Timothy 1:9*



**Preaching  
the Gospel  
to Ourselves**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

First Christian Reformed Church  
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March 31, 2019  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service