

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

10:30 AM

* *Stand if you are able*

Bold: *Said by all*

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

(see insert)

* Gathering Hymn: *"As The Deer"*

(#27)

Prayers of Approach and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem: *"Drawn by Grace"*

(Elizabeth Lowman)

*Children's Hymn: *"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"*

(#352)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

Holy Spirit,

open our hearts to receive your Word.

Reveal to us the good news,

and strengthen us to trust in the promise of salvation

in Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Scriptures

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Psalms 22:23-31

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

SERMON: "NUMEROUS AS THE STARS"

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"To Abraham and Sarah"* (#478)

* **Declaration of Faith** (in unison):

Lenten Creed from Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Be Thou My Vision"* (#461)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now In Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude