

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

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: Lenten Insert (responsive)**

\* Gathering Hymn: "Throughout these Lenten Days and Nights"

(first  
four verses) (#196)

**Prayer of Praise:**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison):**

Beloved God,  
with the eagerness of a child,  
you wait for our coming,  
with the urgency of a mother,  
you long for our return  
with the anxious heart of a father,  
your arms ache to hold us.

The disappointment, the judgment, the turning away,  
that comes from us, not you.

Forgive us and heal us of everything in us  
that recoils from our common humanity.

You have given us such worth;  
help us to take all creation at your valuation  
and to know ourselves,  
and all your children,  
as precious and loved. Amen.

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**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg

**ORGANIST:** Mr. Ian Madge

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Choir Anthem: *"Like a River in My Soul"* (Tim Osiek)

\*Children's Hymn: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* (#371)

Time with Our Children

(Children Grade 12 and under leave for Sunday School)

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Prayer for Illumination:** *"Speak Lord in the Stillness"* (#442)  
(sung by the Choir)

**Scripture:** Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32 (responsive, projected)  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### MESSAGE

*Silent Reflection*

### OUR RESPONSE

\* Hymn of Response: *"Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night"* (#193)

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

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

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**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

**Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

\* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**SENDING**

\* Closing Hymn: *"As When the Hebrew Prophet Raised"* (#189)

\* Benediction:

\* *"Go Now In Peace"*

\* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude