

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 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: *"O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us"* (#384)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem: *"The Twenty-Third Psalm"*

(Jay Althouse)

*Children's Hymn: *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

(#399)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

Your Word, O God, has power to
change our lives and to create a whole new world.

As we meditate on your word,
fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that we may treasure your word with
our whole hearts
and fix our eyes upon you. Amen.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

Scriptures

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Hebrews 5:5–10

Psalms 51:1–12



John 12:20–33

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *“God Forgave My Sin”* (#774)

* **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.

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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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *“In The Bulb There is a Flower”* (#674)

* Benediction:

* *“Go Now In Peace”*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude