

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 22:23-26

You who fear the Lord, **praise him!**
All you offspring of Jacob, **glorify him;**
stand in awe of him, **all you offspring of Israel!**
For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!

✦ **HYMN #687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's promise of salvation,
let us confess our sin and repent.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Merciful God,
we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.
We claim to follow Jesus

but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be disciples,
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.
Forgive us, we pray.
[continue in silence, personal confession]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

✦ **GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be To the Father”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:13-25

INTERLUDE

✦ **GOSPEL**

Mark 8:31-38

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed [page 34]

✦ **HYMN #159**

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ **HYMN #819**

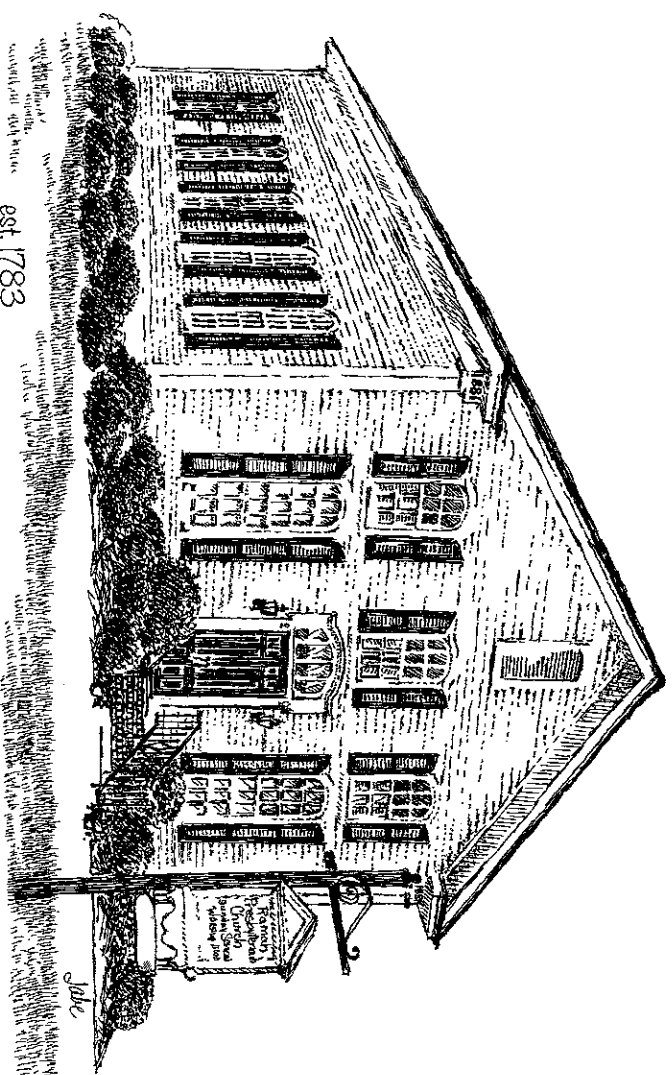
"Be Still, My Soul"

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Sunday, February 25, 2018
2nd Sunday in Lent

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The Reverend Brian Copeland

The Director of Music: Tim Ward

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Greeter: Shannon Ward & Brian Kuykendall

Acolyte: —