

**+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✦ **PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 51:1-12**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you are justified in your sentence**

**and blameless when you pass judgment.**

**Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

You desire truth in the inward being;

**therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me away from your presence,**  
**and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

✦ **HYMN #421**

“Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts,  
**confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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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.**

[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**

**+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

**INTERLUDE**

✦ GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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✦ HYMN #69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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 #726

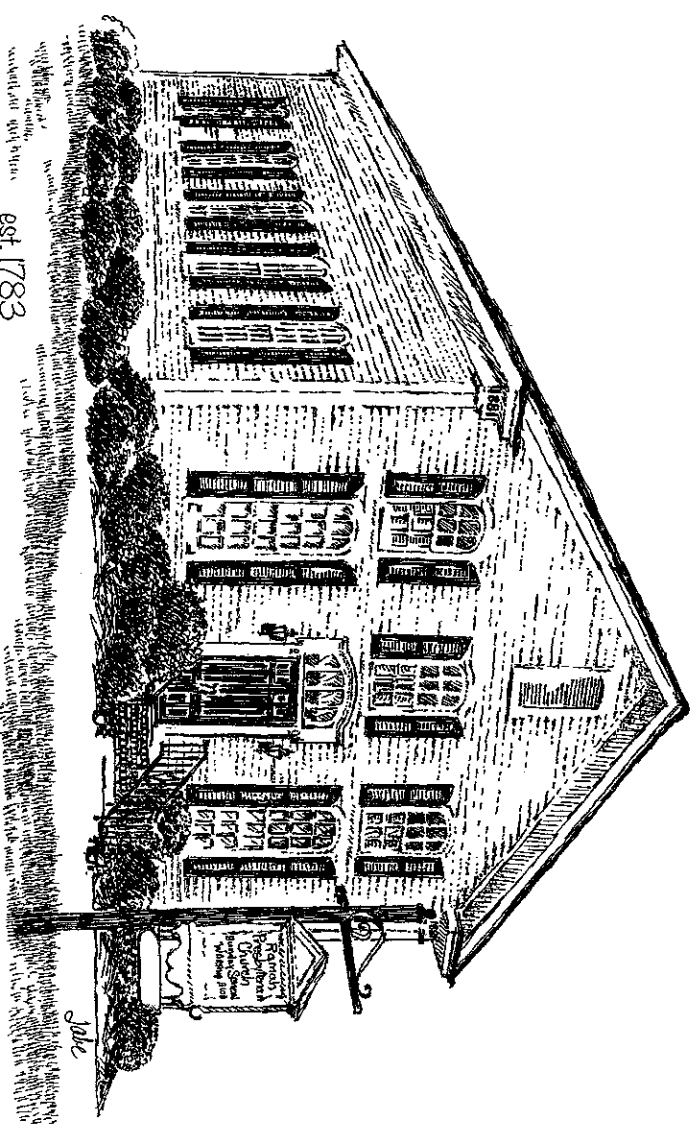
"Will You Come and Follow Me"

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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**Sunday, March 18, 2018**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**

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