

**+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✦ **PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

For the love of Christ urges us on,  
because we are convinced that one has died for all;  
therefore all have died.

And he died for all,  
so that those who live might live no longer for themselves,  
but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view:  
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,  
we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new!  
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ;  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;  
that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,  
not counting their trespasses against them,  
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.  
So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal  
through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

✦ **HYMN #366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins,  
for God has already forgiven us

and is calling us to return to the Lord.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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Gracious God, have mercy on us,  
for we have failed to be faithful to you,  
though you have been faithful to us.  
You show us your wisdom,  
but we prefer to go our own way.  
Our broken relationships with you  
and one another have created  
poverty in us and our neighbors.  
In your mercy, reconcile us to you  
and one another for the work of  
justice, peace, and love,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer.  
[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 +**

✦ **HYMN #415**

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

GOSPEL

Mark 2:1-12

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ HYMN #610

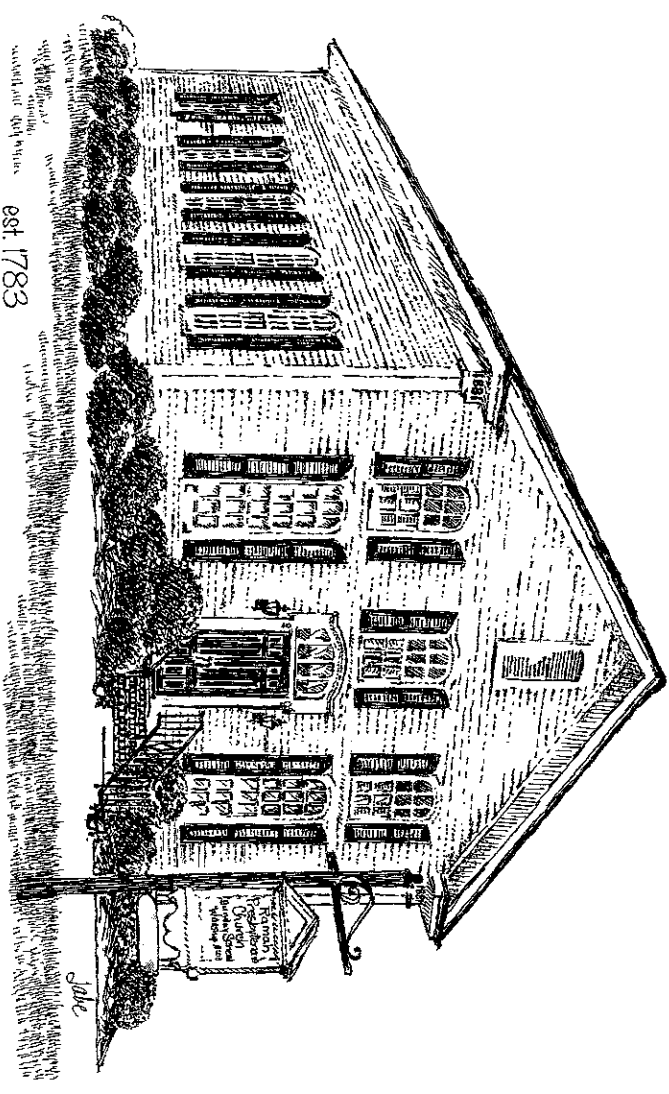
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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**Sunday, June 10, 2018**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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