

Third Sunday in Lent – March 4, 2018

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**Centering Song:* “As the Deer”

#626

**Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)*

At this very moment the heavens are talking about the glory of God.

Of course they are, that’s because the dome of our atmosphere proclaims God’s craftsmanship.

Every time the sun comes up, words rain down from heaven;
and every time the stars come out at night, knowledge drifts down like frost on trees.

Yet, we hear no voice, there is no speech, nor are there actual words.

And yet a voice is somehow heard throughout all the earth, throughout all the universe, from ear to ear, from heart to heart.

I hear it now, gathering us in, here in this place, gathering us in.

**Opening Hymn:* “Here in This Place”

#401

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (based on Exodus 20 “The Ten Commandments”)

O heavenly Father, there are too many rules, you have given us too many rules. I am not capable of following them all. They are too broad. Only one God, no other idols, don’t use your name the wrong way, pause and worship you, honor those who came before me, don’t kill anyone, don’t violate someone’s personal space, don’t steal anything, don’t slander those I don’t like, don’t hoard too much wealth. God, I can’t do all this. It stresses me out, and I just end up feeling guilty. I confess that I broke at least half of these rules this week alone. Am I still ok? Do you still love me? Am I still a good person? Hear me now, dear God, as I silently confess why I feel guilty.

Assurance of Pardon & Hope

Be assured, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sung Response:** “Our God Is an Awesome God”

#616

***Passing of the Peace:** The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE WORD

Children’s Message

Scripture: John 2:13-22 “Jesus Cleanses the Temple” p. 93 NT
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 “Christ the Power and Wisdom of God” p. 166 NT

Sermon

Rev. Robert Drake

WE RESPOND

Hymn: “Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

#728

Invitation to the Offering (*place prayer slips in plate to be read during prayer*)

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

(see insert)

Prayer after Communion

Prayers of the People

SENDING OUT

***Closing Hymn:** “Your Only Son”

#518

***Benediction**

***Closing Sung Response:** “You Shall Go Out with Joy”

#80

Postlude

COMMUNION LITURGY
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal God, holy and mighty ...

We hear you now, right here in this place, knocking on our door. And we answer:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the person who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.**

Pastor: You alone are holy, O God of majesty ...

We hear you now, right here in this place, knocking on our door. And we answer:

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will rise
again.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...

We hear you now, right here in this place, knocking on our door. And we answer:

People: Our Father ...