

**Third Sunday in Lent, March 24, 2019**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY: THE STORY OF JOSEPH**

*Prelude*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*\*Centering Song* “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**#452**

*\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 105:1-)*

O give thanks to the Lord, call on Her name,  
**and make known to all the world His deeds.**

Sing to Her, sing praises to Her,  
**tell of all of His wonderful works.**

Works like when She made a covenant with Abraham,

**and when He swore a promise to Isaac,**

and when She confirmed the same statute to Jacob,

**and when He sent Joseph into Egypt, ahead of his family, in order to save them.**

*\*Opening Hymn* “The God of Abraham Praise”

**#49**

*Prayer of Confession*

**God of love and mercy, you alone are perfect. I am here now seeking your permission to be forgiven of my sin. I hear that Jesus died for me, but it is hard to let my sins go. I trust that his death on the cross is sufficient to cover my sins, but I resist letting go. Please write your love on my heart now and release me from the captivity of sin. Let me feel the release that comes from letting Jesus into my heart. Hear my silent confession...**

*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** “In My Life” (verse 1 only) **#468**

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

THE WORD

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn** “God Is So Good” **#658**

**Scripture** Matthew 13:24-30 “Parable of Weeds Among Wheat” p.13NT  
Genesis 37:2-11 “Joseph Dreams of Greatness” p. 34OT

**Sermon** “God’s Perfect Family” Rev. Robert Drake

WE RESPOND

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

**Offertory** Joni and Tim

**\*Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **#606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

SENDING OUT

**\*Closing Hymn** “Will You Come and Follow Me” **#726**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Sung Response** “Send Me, Jesus/Thuma Mina” (verse 1 twice) **#746**

**Postlude**