

# First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall Service | February 25, 2018  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

## GATHERING SONG

“Oh, How I Need You”

## CALL TO WORSHIP *from the Song of Solomon 8:6-7*

Leader: Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm,  
for love is strong as death,  
jealousy is fierce as the grave.  
Its flashes are flashes of fire,  
the very flame of the Lord.

**All: Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it.  
If a man offered for love  
all the wealth of his house,  
he would be utterly despised.**

## HYMNS OF PRAISE

“I Will Sing Of My Redeemer”

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, wash us thoroughly of our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin; for our transgressions are ever before us and we have done what is evil in your sight. You desire truth in our inward being, yet we turn our backs on the wisdom you would impart in our hearts. Create in us a

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clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Forgive our sins and lead us in your paths anew that we might teach transgressors your ways and lead sinners to return to you. *Amen.*

### **ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL**

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. - *Joel 2:12-13*

“Out Of My Bondage”

“Good Good Father”

### **OFFERING**

“No Longer Slaves”

### **PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

#### **WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM, QUESTION 76**

Leader: What is repentance unto life?

**People:** Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God’s mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with Him in all the ways of new obedience.

### **GREETING OF PEACE**

Leader: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- Romans 5:1

**All: And also with you.**

*Children’s church for kids 4 years old through 1st grade is available at this time. Leaders will meet the children just outside the Fellowship Hall and walk them to the PreK-K room or parents may walk them back.*

### **SCRIPTURE READING** *from Hosea 6-7*

### **SERMON**

“Come, Let Us Return to the LORD”

Mike Haberkorn

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“My Lighthouse”

### **THE BENEDICTION**