

WELCOME

*HYMN #101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*SILENT CONFESSION AND RESPONSE

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 66, Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (p. 166, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN #501

Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed

ARFON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(see insert)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For your church around the world, **we ask new life.**

For all who carry out ministries in your church, **we ask grace and wisdom.**

For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines, **we ask inspired discipleship.**

For Christians of every land, **we ask new unity in your name.**

For people of every faith, **we ask your blessing and our mutual forbearance.**

For those who cannot believe, **we ask your faithful love.**

For leaders and those in power in every place, **we ask your guidance.**

For people who suffer and sorrow, **we ask your healing peace.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

(see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise

N. Sleeth

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, O God of Majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...
... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...
... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honor are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. We invite you to partake in Communion by intinction, that, receiving the bread, dipping it in the cup, and eating. Anyone who does not wish to partake is invited to approach the table with hand(s) over their heart, signaling desire for a word of blessing. During Communion, you are invited to join in singing Hymn #513, Let Us Break Bread Together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery. You come to us at this table to nourish us and give us strength. Teach us to be fools for Christ, that we may walk the way of his cross with courage. Teach us to be fools for love, that we may serve our neighbors with compassion and take part as you bring forth your reign, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SENDING

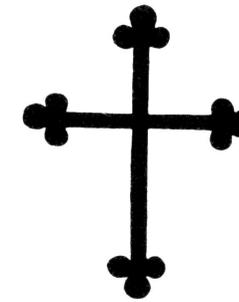
*HYMN #419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE



ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 4, 2018
Presbyterian Church in Needham

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth God's handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer.

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER