

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 3, 2019

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### GATHERING

#### *Prelude*

#### *Welcome & Announcements*

*\*Centering Song* “Lead Me, Guide Me” (refrain only) #740

#### *\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 71:1-6)*

O Lord, in you we take our refuge,

**from fear, anxiety, depression, doubt, and so much more.**

O Lord, in you we will never be put to shame,

**for our beliefs, actions, decisions, or outspoken words.**

O God, be to us a fortress, a rock of refuge,

**in whom we find security, peace, comfort, and justice.**

O God, it has always been you alone to whom we look,

**to guide us to the place of our birth and the meaning of our lives.**

*\*Opening Hymn* “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” #240

#### *Prayer of Confession*

**Merciful God, I hear your words over and over, but I do not know how to let them into my heart. Sin fills me too deeply. Sin takes up too much room. Sin closes my ears. O God, open my ears to your words of forgiveness and love.**

**Remove my fear, anxiety, depression, and doubt. Let me find security, peace, comfort, and justice. Forgive me. Listen as I silently confess my sins...**

#### *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** “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

**#422**

**\*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** Jeremiah 1:4-10 Famous Words from Scripture p.698OT

1 Corinthians 13:4-13 More Famous Words from Scripture p.175NT

**Sermon** “The Shorter, the Better” Rev. Robert Drake

WE RESPOND

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

**Offertory** “Gift of Love”

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

FPCM celebrates an open Communion.

“All who have faith in Jesus Christ are welcome at this table.”

**Communion Liturgy** (see insert)

**Prayers of the People**

SENDING OUT

**\*Closing Hymn** “10,000 Reasons” see screen

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Sung Response** “May God of Hope Go With Us” **#765**

**Postlude**