



*Beauty* for Ashes  
ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP  
7:30 PM

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Shattered  
MARCH 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are hurting...

**With sorrow, pain, sadness...we come.**

Come, all who are broken...

**Fragments. Remnants. Broken shells of our past selves.**

O God, we feel distant from you.

**Dried up and dying, far from the source of life, of living water.**

Come and meet us here.

**We need you, Lord.**

**Come and heal. Come and bring life.**

**Restore us and make us whole. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, v. 1-2*

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#### OPENING PRAYER

**Healing Creator, we come before you this night keenly aware of our brokenness.**

**No matter how many defenses we put up or masks we put on,  
no matter how tough and invincible we try to be, we are broken.**

**We entrust ourselves into your loving care tonight and especially in this season of Lent.**

**We are yours, O God. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-13

#### HYMN (seated)

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, v. 3-4*

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#### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51

#### MESSAGE

**Beauty for Ashes**

Rev. Carol Hill

#### OFFERING OURSELVES AND GIFTS

#### \*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

*Praise God throughout these forty days.*

*Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.*

*And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy One, accept these sacrifices we lay before you:  
our offerings and tithes, our hearts, our very selves.**

**Use all of these for your work of healing and redemption.**

**Pour out your healing grace and love**

**that we might experience transformation once again. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we come to you in pieces.

**We are broken. Hurt by the cutting comments of others, full of shattered dreams.**

We need restoration. We need your healing love.

**We need forgiveness for the ways that we have hurt others and added to their brokenness.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The prophet Joel reminds us that God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With great mercy, God relents from punishing. In God’s grace, know that we are forgiven.

In God’s mercy, know that we are made new. In God’s love, know that we are made whole.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**BLESSING OF ASHES, COMMUNION ELEMENTS, AND SEA GLASS**

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*We Lay Our Broken World (to the tune “Breathe on Me, Breath of God)*

*We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet,*

*Haunted by hunger, war and fear, oppressed by power and hate.*

*Here human life seems less than profit, might and pride,*

*Though to unite us all in you, you lived and loved and died.*

*We bring our broken towns, our neighbors hurt and bruised;*

*You show us how old pain and wounds for new life can be used.*

*We bring our broken loves, friends parted, families torn;*

*Then in your life and death we see that love must be reborn.*

*We bring our broken selves, confused and closed and tired;*

*Then through your gift of healing grace new purpose is inspired.*

*O Spirit, on us breathe, with life and strength anew;*

*Find in us love, and hope, and trust, and lift us up to you.*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

*God is My Strong Salvation*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*\* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

**BOLD** INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – MARCH 2, 2022

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## HOLY WEEK 2022

**April 10 - Palm Sunday Services at 8:30 & 10 am**

**April 14 - Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:30 pm**

**April 15 - Good Friday Worship at 7:30 pm**

**April 17 - Easter Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10 am**

### **Beauty for Ashes: Discovering Hope in the Healing**

#### **Thursday Night Bible Study During Lent**

**6:00 - 7:15 pm in Ellinger Transept**

Join Pastor Carol in Ellinger Transept for a time of bible study, reflection on the sermon series, and time for a new spiritual practice each week as we attempt to discover hope in the healing, finding beauty in the ashes. There is no book to read and no homework to complete in advance. Simply come and find hope and healing.

### **Feed My Starving Children: A Multigenerational Outreach Experience**

**Saturday, March 5th 1:45-3:45 pm**

All persons ages 5 and up are invited to participate in this two hour food packing event in Schaumburg. In a mere two hours, we will help respond to global hunger needs by assembling food and protein packages to help feed those suffering from food insecurity. Children, Youth, and Adults are welcome! Contact Pastor Mollie to sign up, carpool, and participate in this outreach project.



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