# Psalm 130

 $^{1}$ Out of the depths I cry to thee, O LORD!

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! <sup>3</sup> If thou, O LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

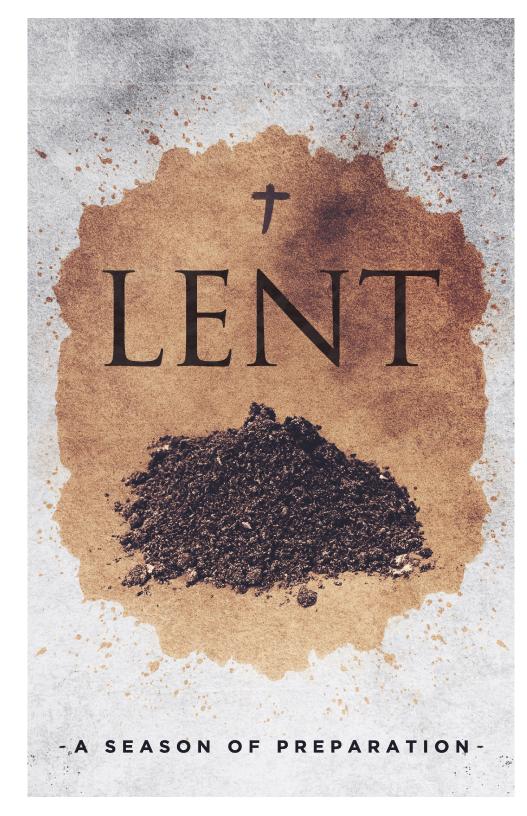
- <sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.
- <sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

# **ENTER TO WORSHIP**

As we gather for worship this even, we are blessed by the Lord that forgives the darkest possibilities and sure realities of human sin. We remember and celebrate that our God bestows His gracious gifts of everlasting life through

His Son, Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Tonight, we confront our own mortality and confess our sins before God within this community of faith. We acknowledge that *God's mercy endures forever*.

#### PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE ON ITEMS MARKED WITH AN \*

#### GATHERING

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping."

#### *Many:* We come to the Lord!

One: Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to answer and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity.

- *Many:* Surely, God's goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives!
- One: Let us present our lives as an offering to the Lord.
- All: Here we are, Lord! Take, mold, and transform us. Amen!
- \*HYMN Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #269 UMH, vv. 1-2, 4-5

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12

#### PRAYER

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 51:1-17

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

MESSAGE Take Heed

### INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

**\*HYMN** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* #382 UMH

**IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES** 

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

#### **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

The responsive prayer of confession is Psalm 130 (see back of bulletin)

A time of prayer will be observed...

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

As forgiven people, let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. Greet your neighbors with God's SHALOM!

### A TIME OF REFLECTION

#### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING



AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY, PLEASE REMAIN SILEN'T AND GATHER OUTSIDE FOR THE BURNING OF THE CARES, CONCERNS, AND BURDENS WE ARE RELEASING INTO GOD'S CARE