

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to thee, O LORD!

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let thy ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

³If thou, O LORD, shouldst mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴**But there is forgiveness with thee,
that thou mayest be feared.**

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

⁶**my soul waits for the LORD
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plenteous redemption.

⁸**And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**

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ASH WEDNESDAY

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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

One: "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 SILENT
AND GATHER OUTSIDE FOR THE BURNING OF THE CARES,
CONCERNS, AND BURDENS WE ARE RELEASING
INTO GOD'S CARE