



# Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

12:00 pm + 5:30 pm

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** | Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days     *setting by Anne Krentz Organ*

### Welcome

Brothers and sisters in Christ, every year at Easter, during the time of the “Christian Passover,” we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to practice with discipline daily repentance, our daily dying and rising in union with Christ. We begin this season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**\*Call to Worship** | from Psalm 51:15-17, NIV

O Lord, open my lips,

**and my mouth will declare your praise.**

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

**you do not take pleasure from burnt offerings.**

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Gathering Hymn** | Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days     *red hymnal, #132*

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**Hymns + Songs** | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

# We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

## **\*Call to Confession**

Brothers and sisters, we invite you to observe this season of Lent through self-examination and penitence, prayer and fasting, reading and meditating on the Word of God, and works of love and witness. Let us bow before God, our Creator and Redeemer, and confess our sin.

*Silence for personal confession*

**\*Prayer of Confession** | God Be Merciful to Me *red hymnal, #622*

**\*Words of Assurance** | John 3:16, NRSV

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

**\*The Peace** | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## The Word of the Lord

**Epistle Lesson** | 1 Peter 1:1-9, 13-16 *Bible, pg. 983*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Lesson** | Matthew 6:1-6 *Bible, pg. 787*

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**Message** | Rev. Kyle Otterbein

**Penitential Prayer in Preparation for Ashes**

**Imposition of Ashes**

**\*Blessing**

God of compassion, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Exit in silence.**

# Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *Pastor*

Matthew Penning, *Director of Music*

Jeff Charis-Carlson, *Worship Assistant*

## Announcements

**Welcome!** We are happy to have you here with us today.

**All ages** are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the Sanctuary, as well as large print hymnals, Bibles, and bulletins.



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