



Ash Wednesday

March 6, 2019

12:00 pm + 5:30 pm

Order of Worship

Prelude | Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart *setting by David Cherwien*

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** | Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart *red hymnal, #618* stanzas 1-3

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

Almighty and loving God,

we confess that we put our trust in other gods. We honor these gods alongside of you and in place of you. By the Holy Spirit's power, help us to know you, the only true God, as you have revealed yourself in your Word; to trust in you alone; to look to you for every good thing, humbly and patiently; and to love, fear, and honor you with all our hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*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

Psalm Lesson | Psalm 120 *Bible*, pg. 497

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

Epistle Lesson | 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 *Bible*, pg. 940

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

Hymn | Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart *red hymnal*, #618 stanzas 4-5

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

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

Message | Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Hymn | Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer *red hymnal*, #660

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*

Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer, *Pastor*

Matthew Penning, *Director of Music*

Announcements

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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