

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 2018

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We celebrate the beginning of the Lenten Season today. This is a season of repentance and renewal to our faith and our Savior

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCESSIONAL AND ILLUMINATION

† OPENING HYMN: *Grace Greater than Our Sin*
Hymn # 365

CALL TO WORSHIP: (in responsive) based on Joel 2

Leader: Behold, now is the acceptable time. Today is the day of God's salvation.

All: We tremble in fear and anticipation at the nearness of a God so great and powerful.

Leader: Return with all your heart, with weeping, fasting, and mourning.

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Be reconciled to God, through Christ Jesus, and receive a new and right spirit within.

All: We will fast and pray as an inner discipline, preparing ourselves for faithful discipleship.

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/ash-wednesday-call-to-worship.html>

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Pastor Cal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: Martha Dienst

† Doxology # 95

† Prayer of Dedication

SONG OF MEDITATION: *Change My Heart O God* See insert

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 58:6-12** PEW BIBLE 638

New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 6: 16-21** PEW BIBLE 839

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

† GLORIA PATRI HYMN # 71

MEDITATION: *The Art of Fasting* Pastor Cal

CONSECRATION, BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES:

Pastor: Dear friends in Christ, let us ask our Father to bless these ashes, which we will use as the mark of our repentance.

ALL: Lord, bless these ashes by which we show that we are dust. Pardon our sins and keep us faithful to the discipline of Lent, for you do not want sinners to die but to live with the risen Christ.

Pastor: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence and a reminder that only by your gracious gift we are given eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Those who desire to receive ashes now come forward to receive. After all have been served continue:

Pastor: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation that we may show forth your glory in the world.

ALL: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord, bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Pastor: Hear these words addressed to penitent believers: "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

ALL: Praise be to God for his grace and mercy. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN: *I Am Thine, O Lord* HYMN # 419
THE RECESSIONAL
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

† All who are able please join together, as we stand as one.

Thank You for turning off your cell phones and Bringing only water into the sanctuary ☺

Please join us for our Good Friday service at 7pm on March 30th and again on Easter Sunday for 10am on April 1st. Afterwards the children will be having an Easter egg hunt on the church lawn!

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He gave his life for YOU!