

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6, 2019

Color: Violet

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>

INVOCATION:

Pastor Cal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: Marcia Desilets

† 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: Joel 2:1-2,12-17 PEW BIBLE 787

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 2:3 PEW BIBLE 1017

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

† GLORIA PATRI

HYMN # 71

MEDITATION: *Tearing the Heart*

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 ☺

Pastor: F. Calvin Miller
Director of Music: Marcia Desilet
Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood
Director of Youth Ministries: Jennie LeBlanc
Office Administrator: Cheri Comer
Church Sexton: James Lemmer
Nursery Attendant: Kayte Richtarsik

*Please join us during this Lenten season for our 10am
Sunday services. Our Youth Group Ministries join on
Sunday nights from 6-8pm.*

*The Lenten Bible Study start March 13th Wednesday
nights from 6-7pm until April 10th.*

*Join us for Holy week: Good Friday April 19th for 7pm,
Sunrise Service at Old Center Church April 21st 6am and
United Parish Easter 10am service followed by our Easter
Egg Hunt for the children!*

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He gave his life for YOU!

*United Parish Church
March 6, 2019
Pastor F. Calvin Miller*