

# Butler Area Presbyterians PC (USA)

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## Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

Covenant, East Butler, Faith, Hill,  
North Butler, St. Andrews, Trinity, White Oak Springs

*This "Again & Again – A Lenten Refrain" service is adapted from a prayer by Sarah Are /  
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## ~ Order of Service ~ The Gathering

WELCOME

BRIAN GRAFF, C.P.

PRELUDE

*Ah Holy Jesus*

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. JOHN C. R. SILBERT

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

REV. JOHN C. R. SILBERT

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, whether you are standing at the door of a deeper faith  
journey, unsure of what comes next, or running your way through  
the threshold, You are claimed, forgiven, and loved by God.

People: **Again and again, we are forgiven. Again and again, we are  
loved. Again and again, we are invited in.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

People: **Amen.**

RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*

COVENANT QUINTET

***Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.***

## The Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CARMEN SHULLO, C.P.

ILLUMINATION

*Lord, Let Thy Word illumine Us*

DEANNA GOLDEN & ALLEN KITCHEN

***Lord, let Thy Word illumine us with truth and love divine;***

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| <i>and make us faithful to the Christ, ‘til we are wholly Thine.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                   |                             |
| MINI MESSAGE & OT LESSON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17            | CARMEN SHULLO, C.P.         |
| WORSHIP SONG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>New Wine</i>                   | MARK BOYCE & MISSY HAMILTON |
| OT LESSON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Isaiah 58: 1 – 12                 | REV. BONNIE TAYLOR          |
| INTERLUDE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>The Prayer</i>                 | NANCY SLEZAK                |
| PSALM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Ps 51: 1-17                       | REV. MARY KITCHEN           |
| HYMN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i> | NORTH BUTLER TRIO           |
| NT LESSON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10      | REV. JOHN C. R. SILBERT     |
| INTERLUDE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>Earth’s Fine Photograph</i>    | LARS MORRISON               |
| GOSPEL READING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 - 21         | REV. MERRY HOPE MELOY       |
| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | REV. MERRY HOPE MELOY             |                             |
| <b>We believe in an inviting God who invites the poor and the sick, the outcast and the lonely, the immigrant and the refugee, the awkward and the abrasive, the young and the innocent. We believe God invites the best and the worst – in all of us.</b> |                                   |                             |
| <b>We believe God invites us to: a life of faith, a crowded table, a messy church, a deeper truth, a resilient joy, a place to belong, a family among strangers, a world that is just, and a love that knows no bounds.</b>                                |                                   |                             |
| <b>We believe this invitation exists for all people. We believe this invitation exists for us.</b>                                                                                                                                                         |                                   |                             |
| <b>And when we miss the call or ignore the invite, we believe that God invites us again. Thanks be to God for that invitational Spirit. Amen.</b>                                                                                                          |                                   |                             |

HYMN

*Come Share the Lord*

DEANNA GOLDEN & ALLEN KITCHEN

The Eucharist

THE LORD’S TABLE:

INVITATION, PRAYER, WORDS OF INSTITUTION

REV. LEIGH BENISH

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please partake when the Celebrant indicates. If you are not using intinction, remember the bread is received before the wine.

The Sending

OUTROIT

*Go With Us Lord*

COVENANT QUINTET

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

REV. LEIGH BENISH

POSTLUDE

*Ah Holy Jesus*

ALLEN KITCHEN

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St. Andrews: Deanna Golden w/ Allen Kitchen

North Butler Trio: Allen Kitchen, Mary Kitchen, Kathy Wilson

Hill: Nancy Slezak

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