

Order of Worship

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022 7:00 PM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Meditation

Peggy A. Thompson

Chapel Bells

***Greeting**

Leader: From dust we were created.

People: and to dust we shall return.

Leader: From the dust and ashes of our lives,

People: create again, O Lord.

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within us.

***Hymn**

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

TFWS 2138

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Holy God,

our lives are laid open before you:

rescue us from the chaos of sin,

and through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son

bring us healing and make us whole

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17a

Ash Wednesday Litany

Leader: Eternal God, Incarnate Word, Abiding Spirit,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: For resisting your grace and refusing your blessings,
for holding back from proclaiming our faith in you,

People: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: For failing to forgive as we have been forgiven,
for judging others and bearing grudges,

People: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: For damaging this earth and exploiting its creatures,
for neglecting and wasting the gifts you have given us,

People: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: For tolerating oppression, injustice, and wrong,
for keeping silent when we should have spoken up,

People: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: For turning away when others have offered us love,
for closing our hearts when others have needed compassion,

People: forgive us, Lord.

Leader: For all we have done unkindly, unjustly and dishonestly,
for our careless speech and hurtful words,

People: forgive us, Lord.

**All: Most merciful God,
we have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, and in what we have failed to do.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

Forgive us.

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: With our hearts turned to God in repentance,
let us receive God's mercy, take hold of our forgiveness,
and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bring It On!

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

***Hymn**

Change My Heart, O God

TWFS 2152

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Rev. Wines

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of the Ashes

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Repent, and believe the gospel.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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Benediction

Rev. Wines

Leader: Go into the world
with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ,
hands open to serve those you meet,
ears open to the call of the Spirit,
hearts open to the bountiful love of God,
lives open to follow Christ to the cross,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

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