



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

At the sound of the chimes, please silence your phone and prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT— *"Sign Us with Ashes"* (verse 6) #433 [Faith Choir]

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God's love endures forever.

*** OPENING HYMN "Just As I Am" #442**

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

*** THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in

which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection)

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

When we confess our sins, we know that God is full of mercy and love for God's people.

Let us give thanks for the forgiveness we receive from the Lord.

In Christ we leave our sinfulness behind because in him we are made new.

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Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE - Psalm 51:1-4, 10-13 (responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

SCRIPTURE – NEW TESTAMENT - 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM - “Touch Me With Ashes” - Martin & Nordmeyer [Faith Choir]

SCRIPTURE – NEW TESTAMENT - Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON - “Conversation With God”

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, for it is only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - “Sign Us With Ashes” #433 (refrain only)

(You are invited to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes)

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

By the cross and passion of our Savior,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

*** HYMN - “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” #440**

*** BENEDICTION**

~ Please leave the sanctuary in silence ~