

Ash Wednesday Worship
February 10, 2016
6:30 pm

PRELUDE

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**All: Teach us, Lord, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

Hymn 257

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

People: According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash away all my iniquity,

People: And cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts,

People: You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

People: And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Amen

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

Old Testament, page 537

MEDITATION

Making the Most of the Time

Jill Williams

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymn 248

**those who are able, please stand*

LITANY OF PREPARATION

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

All: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people.
Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

All: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

All: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

All: Accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

All: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

"In life and in death we belong to God."

*CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymn 252

*BENEDICTION

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Jon Wasson
Thomas Daniel
Laura Tuma
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