

Order of Worship for Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

On Ash Wednesday, we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our forehead at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

Gathering

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

* Welcome/Gathering

* “Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church” #321

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Joel 2:1-2; 12-17 (pew Bible, page 800 NT)

Psalm 51:1-17 (on screen)

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 (pew Bible, page 160 NT)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 151**

* Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (pew Bible, page 5 NT)

(after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)

(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

Message

“O Christ the Same” #778 (blue hymnal)

* Invitation to Lent

Confession of Sin **pg. 252**

Imposition of Ashes **pg. 254**

Meal

Offering/Offertory

Offertory Prayer

* Words of Institution

* The Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Blessing & Dismissal

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” #660 (blue hymnal)

In keeping with the somber nature of this day, please leave the sanctuary in silence. My God bless our Lenten journey.

In tonight’s service:

Ushers: Al Harris,

Tim & Kristin Grove family

Lector: Natasha Mortenson

Communion: Liz Harris

Acolyte: Tyson & Ian Grove

Nursery: Kristin Grove

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Giana Feuchtenberger

Next Wednesday’s service—March 9:

Ushers: Dick Smith, Ryan & Summer

Anderson family

Lector: Element students

Acolyte: Grant Anderson & Kye Suess

Nursery: Lindy Ekola

Video: Dave Jungst

TV slides: Owen Anderson

Remember in your prayers

Hannah Zehringer, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa. Note: you may honor a loved one and support the Knutsons. Contact the church office for information.



Mid-Week Lenten Services

All Mid-Week Lenten Services at 6:00pm

- † Wed., March 9
- † Wed., March 16
- † Wed., March 23
- † Wed., March 30
- † Wed., April 6

Music is a gift of God and can sometimes plumb the deepest places in our hearts and minds. Might God communicate through contemporary music and musicians today? Who might surprise you with the depth of their convictions? What are intersections with the Scriptures?

How can this enrich our journeys? This year's Midweek Lenten series will explore the intersection between popular music and our life of faith. The Spirit has inspired poets to express deep truths through the Scriptures (think Psalms). The idea here is that some contemporary musicians (and music) are vessels through whom God can communicate truth, beauty, justice, wisdom and salvation. How can they inspire our hearts and minds? We will explore these creative singer-songwriters and musician-poets, from rock to country, and more, including U2, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, and others. Come and expand your mind and soul!



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