

Ash Wednesday

February 17th, 2021

6:15 p.m.

PRELUDE *Kyrie, Ricercare in 6 Voices* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: All that is within us will bless his holy name!

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: We will never forget all his benefits.

One: God forgives all our sins and heals all our infirmities.

All: He redeems our lives from the grave and crowns us with mercy and loving-kindness.

One: The Lord satisfies us with good as long as we live.

All: Our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

One: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins; he does not repay us according to our iniquities.

All: As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: All that is within us will bless his holy name!

HYMN OF GATHERING *Our Father, We Have Wandered* PASSION CHORALE

**Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame
As, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name**

**And now at length discerning the evil that we do
Behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring
In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring**

**O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored
Compassionate, forgiving and ever-caring Lord
Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17a

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING

Acts 3:11-26

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Send forth thy light and thy love, O Lord
Fill my heart with thy Holy Spirit
Lead me, lead me into thy presence
And teach me to love thy ways, O Jesus
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And uphold me with thy free Spirit

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from thy presence
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And uphold me with thy free Spirit

LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: Tear your hearts and not your clothing; return to the Lord your God.

All: For God is merciful and compassionate, very patient, full of faithful love, and ready to forgive.

One: Our misdeeds are well known to us; our sin is ever before us.

All: Therefore, we ask God to wash away our guilt and cleanse us from our sin.

One: Let us ask God to bring light into the dark places of our hearts and confront us with the hidden and secret sins we keep there.

All: O God, open our hearts.

One: Lord, we confess our preoccupation with ourselves,

All: O God, open our hearts.

One: Our lustful imaginations, our secret ambitions, our subtle manipulations,

All: O God, open our hearts.

One: The sin that is not forgiven, the grudge we still bear,

All: O God, open our hearts.

One: The bitterness of loss we have not yet offered to you,

All: O God, open our hearts.

One: The private comforts to which we cling,

All: O God, open our hearts.

One: The fear of failure which paralyzes our initiative,

All: O God, open our hearts.

One: The pessimism which insults your will and your power,

All: O God, open our hearts.

One: Here and now, O Holy One, we bring our secret sins to you.

(Silent Prayer of Confession)

One: Let your piercing light also be our healing,
All: For the sake of Jesus Christ, who both taught us and brought us to your forgiveness.
One: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
All: Have mercy on us.
One: O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
All: Have mercy on us.
One: O God the Spirit, Advocate and Guide,
All: Have mercy on us.
One: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,
All: Have mercy on us. Amen.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
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 OF SENDING *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* SINE NOMINE

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray
Teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay**

**As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin**

**And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide
Yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide**

**Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Minor from Sonata No. 6* Felix Mendelssohn

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist
Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir
Technicians: Paul Sexauer (audio)