Ash Wednesday Order of Worship March 2, 2022

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Prelude

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (UMH 452, vs. 1-3)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

"By His Wounds" Mac Powell

He was pierced for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our sins.
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him;
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed.

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We are healed by Your sacrifice,
And the life that You gave.
We are healed, for You paid the price;
By Your grace we are saved,
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And by His wounds, by His wounds, we are healed.
By His wounds, by His wounds;
What can wash away your sins?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

"Lamb of God" Arr. Lloyd Larson

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Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship

Leader: Return to God with all your heart, mind, and soul.

People: We turn our hearts to You, O God.

Leader: Return to this season call Lent-A season of fasting and prayer, reflection and introspection **People: We turn our minds to You, O God.**

Leader: Return to yourself, and to the treasure that is Christ living in you.

People: We turn our souls to You, O God.

Leader: Turning and returning
With heart, mind, and soul wide open
Let us worship God!

People: We turn our hearts, minds, and souls to You, O God.

"Above All" Paul Baloche

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things; Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

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Luke 11.1-4 Teach Us to Pray

Prayer
Response: Lord in Your Mercy we lift these prayers up to You

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.

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" (UMH496)

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief,

my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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Joel 2.12-17

Adult Choir
"A Covenant Prayer"
Allen Pote

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Rend your hearts and not your garments; return to your God.

People: For God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: I know well my misdeeds, and my sin is ever before me. **People: Wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: Let us ask God to break forth light into the dark places of our hearts and confront us with hidden and secret sin, all that we keep in the dark.

People: O God, open our hearts.

Leader: Our preoccupation with ourselves, **People: O God, open our hearts.**

Leader: Our lustful imaginations, our secret ambitions, **People: O God, open our hearts.**

Leader: The buried grudge, the half-acknowledged enmity, **People: O God, open our hearts.**

Leader: The bitterness of some past loss not yet offered to you, **People: O God, open our hearts.**

Leader: The private comforts to which we cling, **People: O God, open our hearts.**

Leader: The fear of failure which saps our initiative, **People: O God, open our hearts.**

Leader: The pessimism that is an insult to your will and power,

People: O God, open our hearts. Here and now, O Holy One, we bring our secret sins to You, we lie open in Your sight. Let Your piercing light be also our healing, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who both taught us and brought us forgiveness. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Bell Choir "Come Holy Jesus"

Prayer

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"Revelation Song"
Philips, Craig, & Dean
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him
Who sits on Heaven's Mercy seat.

Holy, holy holy, is the Lord, God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, "Praise to the King of Kings,
You are my everything. And I will adore You".

Clothed in rainbows of living color, Flashes of lighting, rolls of thunder. Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be, To You, the only wise King.

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Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name.

Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water.

Such a marvelous mystery.

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Closing Words

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"You Are My King (Amazing Love)" Billy James Foote

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned; And I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me, Because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be,
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true,
And it's my joy to honor You;
In all I do to honor You.

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