



Worship Service for
Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024

*Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Card
(in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket.*

The Gathering

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Rice

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

We Worship the Triune God of Grace

*Call to Worship

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of our praise;
glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty,
glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated in heaven;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven,
glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

***Hymn of Praise** “Beautiful Savior”

LUYH 17 vs 1,3,4

***Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty and eternal God, you have made nothing you have made
and you forgive the sins of those who are penitent.
Create in us new and contrite hearts that we truly repent of our sins,
acknowledge our brokenness, and obtain perfect forgiveness from you,
the God of all mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

***Song** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

LUYH 667

Confession

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:8-13

Prayer of Confession

**Most holy and merciful Father:
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**

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We have not heard your call to serve, as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

We confess to you, O Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to you, O Lord.

Our lust, gluttony, and abuse of others,
We confess to you, O Lord.

Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,
We confess to you, O Lord.

Our laziness, intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, O Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend
the faith that is in us,
We confess to you, O Lord.

Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For our poor stewardship and misuse of your creation,
and our lack of concern for the generations to come,
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation;
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection

Words of Assurance

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and forgives all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts do believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore, we ask him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song of Assurance “All I Have Is Christ”

Kauflin

The Means of Grace

The Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth:
Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and repentance,
that we may remember that it is only by grace that we are given everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The ashes are imposed with the following words:

Remember, O man, that you are dust, and to dust you will return.

“What Wondrous Love is This?”

arr. Lopez

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 4:1-34

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: While You Were Sleeping

Covenant Renewal

***Hymn of Response** “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

LUYH 823 vs. 1,2,4

***The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.**
**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Offering: Bethany Christian Services

Offertory “May the Peace of God”

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Benediction

Postlude: “Lamb of God”

arr. Carter

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Piano: Julie Hordyk

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.
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