

**Prelude** "In the Hour of Trial"

L. Smith

**The Welcome**

**\*The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**The Call to Worship**

O Lord, open our lips;  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us;  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's Name be praised.**

**\*The Hymn of Praise** "What Wondrous Love"

LUYH 164 vs 1-3

**\*The Psalm**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my  
transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and  
blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my  
mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach  
me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Psalm 51:1-12

**\*The Song of Praise** “Jesus, I Come”

Sleeper/Thompson vs 1,2,4

## **The Confession of Sin**

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.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf 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.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

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

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

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

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, 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, 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, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
**Accept our repentance, 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.**

**The Anthem** "Search Me, O God and Know My Heart"

R. Herbek

**The Song of Repentance** "Lord have Mercy"

M.W. Smith

**The Assurance of Pardon**

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace;  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The Gospel** Hosea 3:1-5

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Sermon** "A Living Parable"

**The Prayer of Response**

**\*The Hymn of Response** "Ah, Holy Jesus"

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## 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 your gracious gift that we are given  
everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*The ashes are imposed:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

## \*The Benediction

**\*The Sending Song** "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Rodgers/Wyse

**The Postlude** "Jesus Priceless Treasure"

W. Wold

### Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Oboe:** Sally Wagenmaker

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