

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Asterisk [*] indicates "Please stand as you are able."

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Teach us, Lord, to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise his name – I'm fixed upon it –
name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 51:1-17

*HYMN

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore –
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more;
stronger than darkness, new every morn,
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor –
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us!
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford –
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:28-29

MESSAGE

CREED

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 88 – 92

How many parts are there to true repentance and conversion?
Two: the dying of the old self and the birth of the new.

What is the dying of the old self?
Sincere sorrow over our sins and more and more to hate them and flee from them.

What is the birth of the new self?
Complete joy in God through Christ and a strong desire to live according to the will of God in all good works.

But what are good works?

Only those which are done out of true faith, in accordance with the Law of God, and for his glory, and not those based on our own opinion or on the traditions of human beings.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SENDING

*HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE



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“...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV



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