

resurrection. Easter seems so far away, but you have called us to a deep journey--one where we enter into a world groaning. You walked with us in that world. Walk with us now so that we might be part of your redemption. Walk with us in this hard time as we wait for your resurrection. Give us the peace to come to you, the love to serve others, and the hope that resurrection is sure to come. You are our rock and redeemer, the one who is from everlasting to everlasting. You are the savior of the world. Amen.

*Blessing & Charge

Leader: Go forth into the world in the strength of God's mercy to live and to serve in newness of life. May Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven, bless and keep you.

Response: Amen.

Leader: May the Lamb of God who laid down His life for all, graciously smile upon you.

Response: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord God order all your days and deeds in peace.

Response: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*Passing of the Peace

Ushers

Debi & Wayne Radloff - Captains

Service Notes

Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sins before God within the community of faith. The form of the service and the texts presented here are designed to focus our lives upon the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. While the use of ashes as a sign of mortality and penance may be new to some congregations, it has a significant history in Jewish and Christian worship. The imposition of ashes is a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation.

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St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

The Church of the Word & Sacraments

Our Mission

Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

Our Vision

To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love ~ every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.



February 17, 2010
7 p.m.

Gathering Prayer

In Silence and Meditation

*Call to Worship

Leader: God of mercy, we have come to worship,
Response: But we pretend.
Leader: Our minds are here,
Response: But our hearts have not yet arrived.
Leader: We sing the songs and say the words,
Response: But forget to change our lives.
Leader: We hear the words of faith,
Response: But forget the hungry and the hurt.
Leader: We look as though we are strong,
Response: But our spirits are burdened.
Leader: Now is the time of our salvation.
Response: We turn our hearts to God.
Leader: Now is the day of God's judgment.
Response: We return our lives to God's mercy.
Leader: Now is the hour of God's coming.
Response: We turn to the God of grace, that we might be made clean again.

*Hymn (see insert) *Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes*
(from "Sing the Faith")

*Call to Prayer

First Lesson *Isaiah 43: 15-16, 19-20*

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21*

Meditation Phil Brown

Hymn #81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Response: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

***congregation standing, who are able.**

Imposition of Ashes

(To receive the imposition of ashes, people are invited to come forward to the communion rail.)

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. You have been marked by God.

Anthems *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Carl F. Mueller
Chancel Choir

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. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee. *(Psalm 51:10-13)*

Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir

Out of the depths I cry to thee, Lord, my sins bewailing! Bow down thy gracious ear to me, make thou my prayer availing. Mark not my misdeeds in thy book, gracious Lord most holy; on my sins in mercy look; who can stand before thee? Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication. Thou my hope, Thou my light, Thou my soul's deliv'rance. With thee there is forgiveness, Lord, love and grace abounding. The greatest thought or deed or word were else but empty sounding. All who in thy sight appear come in sinful measure; all before thee bow in fear seeking thy good pleasure. Amen. *(Psalm 130, paraphrased by Martin Luther)*

Congregational Response and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.
Response: That we may show forth your glory in the world.
Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,
All: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. 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.

*Closing Hymn #397 *O for a Closer Walk with God* DALEHURST

*Prayer for Preparation of Lent (in unison)

Lord God, we embark on a journey today. A journey through what you have called the valley. It is not a fun family vacation, or an empowering business trip. Rather, on this journey, we ask for humility and servant hearts. It is a movement of repentance and sacrifice. We know it isn't going to be easy. Be with us as we yearn for your