

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

February 14, 2024

6:30pm

Ash Wednesday

Prelude

Greeting

Leader: Gather the people, young ones and old,

People: for all are welcome here.

Leader: Blow the trumpet, sound the alarm,

People: for God is present now!

Leader: Bless this worship and the holy season before us,

People: for God calls us to this time and place.

Leader: Return, refocus, remember, renew,

ALL: FOR GOD INVITES US TO JOIN HEARTS AND LIVES.

Opening Prayer (unison)

We turn to you, God of life, on this first day of Lent, as we recall our own mortality.

With hearts torn open by our actions, we need your guidance and your healing forgiveness. Ready us to receive your mercy and grace, and cleanse us of the ash of human failing, that we may embrace the words you speak – words that lead to eternal life. Amen.

Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Hymnal 269

Scripture Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon "Ashes, Ashes" Pastor Chad Gilbertson

Anthem "Come, O Lord, and Overflow Us" Chancel Choir

Confession and Pardon Words on Screen

Introduction to the Imposition of Ashes

Leader: The apostle Paul writes, "We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God, for our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain." *(continued above next page)*

Ash is a traditional sign of repentance and contrition. Tonight, we receive this mark of ash as a sign of our desire to be reconciled with God.

Leader: Come before God.

People: We come confessing our shortcomings.

Leader: Come before God.

People: We come acknowledging our need.

Leader: Come before God.

People: We come facing our mortality.

Leader: Come before God.

People: We come ready to receive God's forgiveness and fullness of life.

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn "Time Now to Gather" TFWS 2265

Holy Communion

Blessing

Leader: With the ash of repentance, we have entered Lent.

People: With contrite hearts, we await our Lord.

Leader: Go forth and make preparations to receive the power of God.

Hymn "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (verse 1) Hymnal 453

Postlude

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This Week:

Monday, Feb. 12 7:00pm Al-Anon (Parsonage)

Tuesday, Feb. 13 2:00pm United Women in Faith (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)

Wednesday, Feb. 14 8:30am Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity
4:00pm Bell Choir Practice
5:30pm Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service



Thursday, Feb. 15 6:00pm Veterans AA (Parsonage)

Sunday, Feb. 18 9:30am Worship/Live-Stream
10:30am Small Group Study

Prayer Requests:

Delores Oram (Don's Mom) - prayers for healing after a fall. Prayers, too, for Don as he travels to spend some time with her to help.

Jolene— prayers for David Holmgren, that God would heal his stomach and bowel lining.

Jolene's granddaughter, Avery—for the Lord to heal the part of her brain that produces speech. She is autistic and non-verbal.

Dustin G.—prayers of celebration for Lincoln's birthday! Prayers for Grandma Lorriane who is in the hospital.

Mary Dion—suffered a broken hip. Please pray for comfort and healing.

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