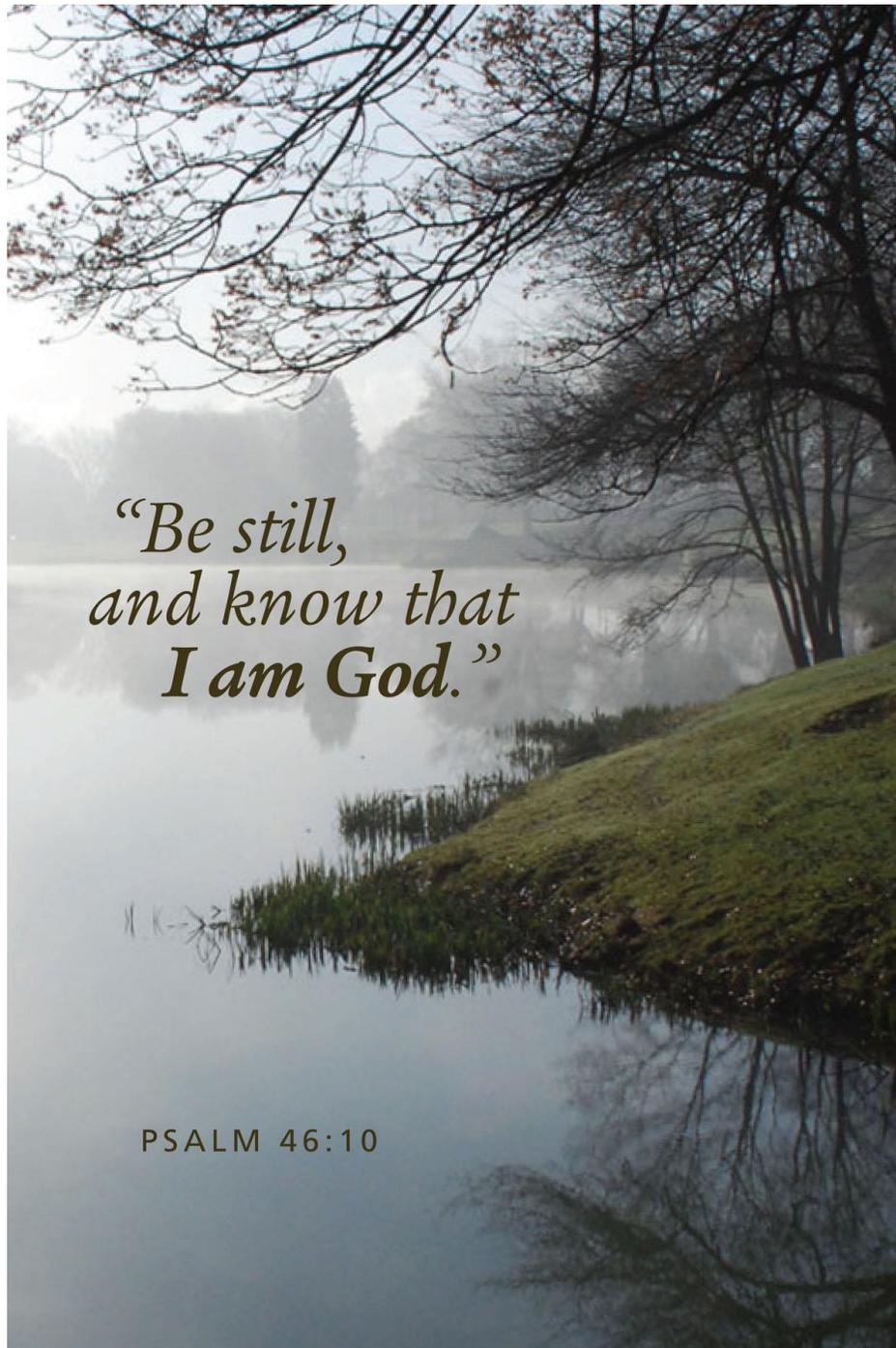


Opequon Presbyterian Church



**“Be Still and Know:
Relate, Restore, Renew”**

Lent 2017

Ash Wednesday Worship

A Service of Prayer, Praise, and Penitence

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

6:30 p.m.

†Please stand if able.

Bold print—all respond.

RELATE

PRELUDE *Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring*Arr. Heavner

WELCOME

GATHERING SONGS *Be Still and Know*
The Sanctuary Choir

NO. 626 *As the Deer*

NO. 519..... *You Are My All in All*

..... *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
LOGOS Youth Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship God as the Lenten season begins, aware of our frailty and our failings.

We come seeking God's mercy, acknowledging our mortality.

Having received the waters of baptism,

We come to be marked now with ashes.

While we remember that we are dust

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

†HYMN NO. 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God desires truth in the inward being and receives a broken spirit, the contrite heart. Seeking abundant mercy, let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

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 alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my 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 crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 5:5)

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

RESTORE

ANTHEM *Tune Our Hearts to Sing*

The Sanctuary Choir

Johanna Abell, pianist, Debbie Bender, mandolin

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12 Pew Bible p. 600

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Pew Bible p. 787

ANTHEM *Lord Teach Me*

LOGOS K-5 Worship

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES “Be Still and Know”

†HYMN (Worship Order p. 6) *Sunday’s Palms are Wednesday’s Ashes*

RENEW

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

ANTHEM *We Are Dust, You Are God*

The Sanctuary Choir

THE LITANY OF ASHES

We bow our heads before you, O God, aware of our sinfulness and our shortcomings. Remembering our baptism, the watermark of the cross upon us, we also receive this ashen cross—another sign that in life and in death, we belong to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we pray. **Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Organ Meditation

Receiving the mark of our humanity, we invite you to come forward and receive the mark of the ashes on your forehead or hand, the mark which bears witness to our preparedness to own that we are ordinary human beings in need of God. We will come forward in two lines by the center aisles and return to our pews by the side aisles.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Let us pray to the Lord...

...Lord, have mercy...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESS

†HYMN NO. 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

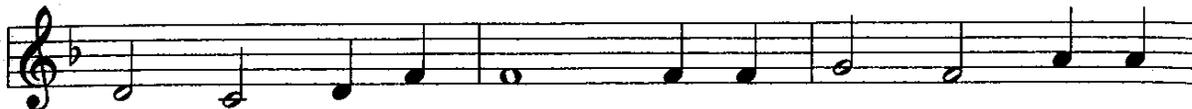
†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†POSTLUDE

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes



1. *Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an -
 2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of -
 3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to



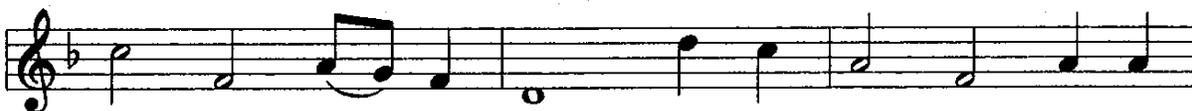
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 fenc - es to for - give, have not lis - tened to their
 proof of hu - man need; and our lack of un - der -



Mak - er in con - tri - tion for our
 trou - bles, nor have cared just how they
 stand - ing dem - on - strates our in - ner



sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal pledg - es, in re -
 live, we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pa - tient, lov - ing
 greed; we have wast - ed earth's re - sourc - es; want and



bel - lion gone a - stray; now, re - turn - ing, seek for -
 o - ver - much our things; may the yield - ing of our
 suf - fering we've ig - nored; come and cleanse us, then re -



give - ness; grant us par - don, God, this day!
 fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.
 store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

**The first line of the hymn recalls the custom of burning remaining palm leaves of the previous year to form the ashes for this observance.*

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WELCOME to Opequon Presbyterian Church and to this service of evening prayer and praise. We hope that you will share in the worship, study and service of this community of faith throughout the Lenten season, as we “seek to be still and know and to relate, restore, and renew” in our daily walk of discipleship. And let our daily prayer be, “God of my life, may the ashes remind me this Lenten season of your renewing spirit in me and your continuing call of me to serve.”

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- William Heavner Organist
- Johanna Abell..... Accompanist
- Vicki Schmidt Crites, Leslie Tucker Greeters
- Alicia Campbell, Laurie Carver Nursery Caregivers
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