

Opequon Presbyterian Church



WE LOVE
BECAUSE HE FIRST
LOVED US.

1 JOHN 4:19, NRSV

“Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love”

Ash Wednesday Worship

A Service of Prayer, Praise, and Penitence

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

6:30 pm

†Please stand if able.

Bold print—all respond.

RELATE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

GATHERING SONGS *We Love Because God First Loved Us*

LOGOS Grs. K-5 Worship

No. 658 *God Is So Good*

No. 626 *As the Deer*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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.

In the name of Christ, be reconciled to God and to one another.

This is the day of salvation.

Let us worship God.

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

†HYMN NO. 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

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

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We want you to notice our humility, but we fail to notice neighbors in need. We want you to show us your mercy, but we fail to show mercy to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Cleanse our hearts and renew our spirits so that we may know once again the joy of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

According to God’s steadfast love, according to God’s abundant mercy, God does not pass judgment on us, the judgment we deserve. **God creates in us clean hearts and gives a new and right spirit. In the grace of Jesus Christ, we return to God forgiven. Praise God for our salvation!**

RESTORE

ANTHEM*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*
The Sanctuary Choir

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21 Pew Bible p. 991

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

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES “Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love”

†HYMN (Worship Order p. 5) *Sunday’s Palms are Wednesday’s Ashes*

BLACK LIGHT DRAMA *Come to Jesus*
LOGOS Youth Drama Team

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 by the center aisles in two lines and return to our pews by the side aisles.

RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.

†HYMN NO. 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

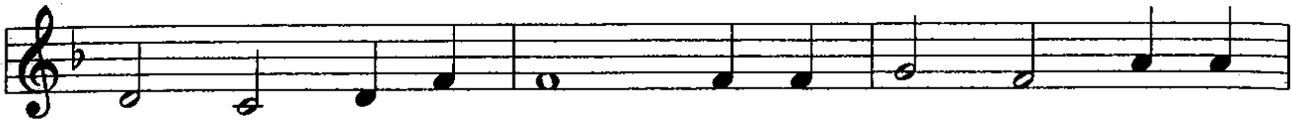
†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†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



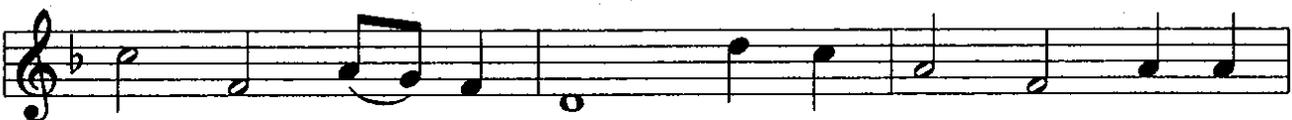
oth - er Lent be - gins; thus we kneel be - fore our
fenc - es to for - give, have not lis - tened to their
proof of hu - man need; and our lack of un - der -



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 ask Jesus to fill us, to fill us with his love 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.”

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

- David Witt ----- Pastor
- Tracie Martin ----- Parish Associate
- Susan Homan ----- Music Director
- William Heavner ----- Organist
- Johanna Abell ----- LOGOS Accompanist
- Mike Butler, Jason Hathaway, Graham Taylor ----- Ushers
- Laurel Hathaway, Leslie Tucker ----- Greeters
- Betty Ganoe, Marj Praml ----- Hospitality