

# *Ash Wednesday*



*Central Presbyterian Church*

*A Service of Healing, Prayers,  
The Application of Ashes,  
& The Lord's Supper*

*Worship Leader: Rev. Jai D. Kwak*

*March 2, 2022*

*6:00 P.M.*

## **PRELUDE**

### **GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*JOEL 2:1-2, 12-14*

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill.

Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.

It is close at hand— a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness.

Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come.

**Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.**

#### **\*HYMN 612**

#### **WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD**

**1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.**

**When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**3 With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.**

**With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Creator God, you fashioned us out of dust, breathing your Spirit into us, so we might sing your praise.

**But we have denounced your gift of life in order to be our own gods, clinging to death-dealing idols of our own making. We have denied our creaturely status, Seeking to lord it over those we label “less-than.” We squelch all who are different through ignoring, belittling, murdering, and bombing. We believe survival-of-the-fittest lies, discounting the weak, and profiting by others’ pain. Not trusting in your providence, we stop our ears to cries of those in need because we’re afraid we won’t have enough. We have been unfaithful stewards, O Lord. We live in a state of sin among a people of sin.**

Save for your grace, we perish. Remember our making, Creator God; remember we are dust.

Have mercy on us according to your loving kindness.

**Breathe new life into us once more, so we might be the people you created us to be. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*EZEKIEL 36:25-27*

Hear the promise of God: “I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you will be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.” Friends, the

promises of God are true:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross**

**that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

Live now as new people, free to love God and neighbor.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:1–11 (NASB95)

##### *Believers Are Dead to Sin, Alive to God*

- 1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?
- 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
- 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
- 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
- 5 For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,
- 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;
- 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.
- 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,
- 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.
- 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.
- 11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### MEDIATION “BAPTIZED DUST”

# LORD'S TABLE

## INVITATION

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**The Lord be with you.**

And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**

We lift them to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise. (...)

Therefore, with all of creation, the heavenly angels, and all saints, we lift our voices in praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you that you sent Jesus to capture us with your love.(...)

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Thank you, for the gift of this table set as a sign of your Kingdom in our midst. Come now, Holy Spirit, and move among us that we might perceive your presence and our union with all the saints of all times and places as we partake of this covenant meal of your Dominion. We offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, devoted to following you and praying for the hungry world you call us to serve as your body . . .

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BREAKING THE BREAD & LIFTING THE CUP

Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of life. Thank you for Christ and his indwelling Spirit among us. Help us discipline ourselves to walk in the Way of the Lord, that we might serve all of creation in love, to the glory of God, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## SENDING

### \*HYMN# 39

#### GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

*1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

#### *Refrain:*

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]*

*3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]*

### \*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

### \*POSTLUDE