



## A Service of Worship

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

7:00 p.m.

### We Gather

**Prelude**

*The Wanderer*

Herman Beeftink

Laura Schelhammer, flute

**Welcome**

Dr. Matthew S. Brown

**Introit**

*Jesus, We Are Here*

Patrick Matsikenyiri

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Lindsey Odom

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God:

**All: And put a new and right spirit within me.**

One: Cast me not away from your presence,

**All: And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

One: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

**All: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not scorn.**

**\*Hymn 440**

**Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

ABERYSTWYTH

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.  
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.  
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.  
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.  
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.  
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.  
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Dr. Whitney Bayer**

### **Reading from the New Testament**

**Luke 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38 She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something

to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

**Meditation** In Need of Forgiveness Dr. Bayer

**Anthem** *To Dust* Karen Marroli

Chancel Choir; Ann Carney, piano

*Let my crying come to dust. Let my grief be turned to ashes.*

*Let my heart be cleansed with flame. Kyrie eleison.*

*Let my mourning turn to song. Let my sorrow turn to sunrise.*

*Let my broken spirit rest. Kyrie eleison.*

*Let your healing waters rise. Let your deserts bloom with bounty.*

*Let your Holy Spirit come. Christe eleison.*

*Let our crying come to dust. Let our grief be turned to ashes.*

*Let our hearts be cleansed with flame. Kyrie eleison.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)** The Apostles' Creed  
Dr. Brown

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Colin Patrick Lee, Daniel David Lee**

Children of Barbara and David Lee

Representing the Session: Gayle Ireland

**Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline**

Dr. Brown

**Psalm of Penitence**

Psalm 51

Rebecca Guzman

One: In preparation, present yourselves before God. Come in your brokenness, admitting where you have fallen short of God's hopes and of your own.

*(Time of silent reflection)*

One: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

**Many: The brokenness that hinders me, I lay before you.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

One: Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

**Many: All the pain I have in my life, the pain I have caused and the pain I feel, I lay before you.**

One: Come in your weakness, admitting your lack of confidence to do what is right.

*(Time of silent reflection)*

One: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

**Many: The weakness that traps me, I lay before you.**

One: Come in your fear, admitting your failure to seek justice.

*(Time of silent reflection)*

One: Please don't throw me out of your presence; I admit that I have avoided your call.

*(Time of silent reflection)*

One: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

**Many: My unwillingness in doing what you want, I lay before you.**

One: Come in your failings, admitting what you have done and left undone.

*(Time of silent reflection)*

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**Many: Put a new, faithful spirit deep within me. The emptiness that saps my strength and leaves me lifeless, I lay before you.**

One: All that we are, all that we have done, all that we confess, we lay before you, O God.

**All: Relieve the weight of the burden I lay before you. Amen.**

**Response Hymn 447**

*We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

### Invitation to the Table

Dr. Bayer

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Odom

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .**

**"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.**

### The Words of Institution

Dr. Brown, Rev. Odom

### The Imposition of Ashes and the Receiving of the Elements

The ushers will direct you to the center aisle. For those who desire it, you may pause at one of the center stations to receive the imposition of ashes, a sign of the cross placed on your forehead or hand, before proceeding to one of the side stations to receive the elements of communion by intinction.

### Communion Music

*Nocture*

Herman Beeftink

Laura Schelhammer, flute

### The Prayer after Communion

Dr. Brown

**\*Hymn 547**

**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

AR HYD Y NOS

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

**Benediction**

Dr. Bayer

**Chiming of the Trinity**

*Please leave in a spirit of quiet contemplation.*

**Worship Service Notes**

**Leading Worship this Evening**

Dr. Matthew S. Brown, Pastor

Dr. Whitney Bayer, Associate Pastor

Rev. Lindsey Odom, Associate Pastor of Youth &  
 Missions/Outreach

Zach Bowyer, Director of Music & Organist

Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation

Melissa White, Director of Hospitality and Connection

Chancel Choir  
Laura Schelhammer, flute  
Ann Carney, piano

**Ushers:** Mary Elledge, Curt Ireland, Linda Nagle Hanson, Craig Parrish,  
Nancy Parrish, Donna Podgorny

### **Receiving of the Elements by Intinction**

When receiving the Elements by Intinction, you are invited to take a piece of bread, dip the bread into the cup, and return to your seats. If you are not able to come forward, you will be served at your seat. Servers with gluten-free elements are located at the back of the sanctuary.



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