

David's UCC on February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

Online Worship Bulletin



Prelude – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

Welcome – *Rev. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship –

One: Why have we gathered in this place, on this day?

Many: We come in praise of the God of all life and in the affirmation of Jesus Christ as the truth and center of our lives. We celebrate places where love is found in life, and we give thanks for the gift of new life that comes to us this Lenten season.

One: Blow a trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people.

Many: Let us gather and sanctify all of this congregation—young and old, male and female, joyful and sorrow-filled.

Invocation –

A Word about Giving/Support – www.davidsucc.org

Litany of Confession –

One: As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, study, and works of love help us return to that love. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to love God and neighbor by confessing your sin and by asking God for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline. Let us pray.

Many: Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

One: We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Many: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Many: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: We confess to you, O God, our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

Many: We confess to you, O God.

One: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

Many: We confess to you, O God.

One: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

Many: We confess to you, O God.

One: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

Many: We confess to you, O God.

One: Our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

Many: We confess to you, O God.

One: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Many: Accept our repentance, O God.

One: For our false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Many: Accept our repentance, O God.

One: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Many: Accept our repentance, O God.

One: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Many: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Order for Imposition of Ashes –

Assurance of God's Forgiveness –

One: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

Many: That we may show forth your glory.

One: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

Many: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

All: Amen.

One: Almighty God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore God to grant us true repentance that those things which we do this day may be pleasing to God, that the rest of our lives may be lived faithfully, and that at the last we may come to God's eternal joy; through Jesus the Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Scripture –

Hebrew – Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10

Gospel – Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 21

Sermon – “A Sacrifice in the Shape of Love”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Postlude – "Abide with Me" William Monk, arr. by Ellen Foncannon

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