



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2015

GATHERING IN SILENCE AND MEDITATION

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE

*Bless the Lord*

from Taizé

*Continue to sing these words while soloists sing the verses:*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17a

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF SUPPLICATION

*Change My Heart, O God*

E. Espinoza

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

You are the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2 (3-10)

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSE

Cry, and God will answer.

**Call, and the Lord will say: "I am here."**

If you do away with the yoke,

the clenched fist, the wicked word;

if you give your bread to the hungry,

and relief to the oppressed;

**Call, and the Lord will say: "I am here."**

Your light will rise in the darkness

and your shadows become like noon

The Lord will always guide you,

giving you relief in desert places.

**Cry, and God will answer.**

**Call, and the Lord will say: "I am here."**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God!**

## MEDITATION

## INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

*A brief silence is kept.*

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,

you have created us out of the dust of the earth;

Grant that these ashes may be to us

a sign of our mortality and penitence,

so we may remember that only by your gracious gift,

are we given everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

#### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

#### A PSALM OF CONFESSION

*Give Me a Clean Heart*  
Vince Leseney, soloist

M. J. Douroux

#### ABSOLUTION

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all,  
**And also with you.**

*All may exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.*

#### OFFERING

#### SONG OF MISSION

*Live in Charity*

from Taizé

*Continue to sing these words while soloists sing the verses:*

Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity. God will dwell with you.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

#### HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heaven-ward, O power of my power.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth into the world in the strength of God's mercy  
to live and to serve in newness of life.

May Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven, bless and keep you.

**Amen.**

May the Lamb of God who laid down his life for all,  
graciously smile upon you.

**Amen.**

May the Lord God order all your days and deeds in peace.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*All may depart in quietness.*