



ASH WEDNESDAY
Oakmont Presbyterian Church
February 17, 2021, 7:15 pm

GATHERING IN FAITH

Prelude

Out of the Depths

Michael Frank, Organ

arr. Johann Kuhnau

*Out of the depths I cry to You; O Lord God, hear me calling.
Incline Your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling.
Do not regard my sinful deeds.
Send me the grace my spirit needs; without it I am nothing.
- Martin Luther/ based on Psalm 130*

Opening Sentences (from Joel 2:12-13)

Don Ewing

Leader: Return to the Lord with all your heart!

People: The Lord our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Don Ewing

Leader: Almighty God, through love You have made us, and for love You call us to repentance.

People: Grant that we who seek to mend our sinful ways may find strength in Your compassion and forgiveness.

Leader: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation;

People: give us Your Holy Spirit that we may serve You with willing hearts,

Leader: bearing witness to Your abundant mercy in all the world;

People: through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

*Hymn

Please join in singing

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymnal, No. 81

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.**

**As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over-past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!**

words: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, alt.

music: *St. FLAVIAN/Day's Psalter*

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51:1-17

Don Ewing

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; in Your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

Against You only have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be purer than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my wickedness.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore me to the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Let me teach Your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to You.

Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News: by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Steve Wilson

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

God Does Not Come Uninvited

Steve Wilson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Moment for Silent Reflection and Prayer

Silent Prayer (Psalm 139:23-24)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Music for Reflection

Piano

I Surrender All

Winfield S. Weeden/arr. Phil Hamm

*All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live,*

*I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me. (refrain)*
- Judson W. VanDeVenter

Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

Steve Wilson

Remembering Ashes

Don Ewing

Unison Prayer

Don Ewing

*Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation
that we may show forth Your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of our Savior,
bring us with all your saints into the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen.*

GOING INTO THE WORLD IN FAITH

Benediction

Steve Wilson

Postlude

Organ

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Karl Osterland

*My faith looks up to Thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine: Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!*
- Ray Palmer