



“By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread until you return to the ground; for out of it, you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

- Genesis 3:19

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 ~ Ash Wednesday Worship

7:00 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Music in Preparation for Worship

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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Welcome

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Call to Worship

Rev. Spencer

Let us pray ... Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn No. 458 (verses 1, 3)

Search Me, O God

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Litany of Confession

Most holy and merciful Father:

**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.**

We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

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.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.
We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let Your anger depart from us.
Favorably hear us, for Your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth Your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Hymn No. 461 (verses 2, 4)

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Sermon

Paul Savage

"From Dust to Dust"

Scripture Text: [Job 14:1-6](#) (page 463 Pew Bible OT)

*Apostles Creed (*offered in unison*)

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; 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.

Imposition of Ashes

Rev. Spencer, Paul Savage

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the Body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now seek the Lord, our Maker and Redeemer.

Hymn No. 823 (*Kyrie Eleison*)

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Those who wish to receive ashes may come forward.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Allen

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Benediction

Paul Savage

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

God Loved the World So He Gave His Only Son

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At the close of worship, you're welcome to stay for a time of prayer for Ukraine.

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7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Seminary Intern:	Paul Savage
Soloist:	Gwen Wilkie
Ushers:	John Miller and Jack Terry

- Pick up a copy of a [Lent Guide](#) for this meaningful Lenten and Easter season detailing special activities and worship. Download your copy from the website or pick up a hard copy at church.
- [Lenten Group Study](#) – This year we are reading “The Way of a Pilgrim” by R. M. French, and invite you to sign up online or in the Commons Lobby. It’s an inspiring read. Purchase books online from Amazon.com or pick up limited copies Sunday morning at the Grand Central Table. Group Study begins the week of Ash Wednesday, **March 2**.
- Pick up a copy of “**Grace Unbounded,**” our Lent devotional, for \$3.00. *Grace Unbounded* provides daily devotions from Ash Wednesday to Easter from the Gospel of Luke.
- [NEW: Praying the Jesus Prayer](#) with Stuart Spencer via Zoom on Thursdays in Lent from 6:30-7:00 p.m. (March 3-April 7). This prayer is the centerpiece of our Lenten Study, [The Way of a Pilgrim](#). Register through the Events page on our website. There’s no cost; and friends outside the church are welcome.
- During the Easter season, remember loved ones by purchasing Easter flowers to be placed in our two worship spaces on Sunday, April 17, 2022. Order forms will be available in *Connections* and online on **March 20, March 27 and April 3**. Flowers will be \$15/each.
- **Worship with Us for Holy Week** (in person and live stream): Maundy Thursday Worship will be *Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.* and is a solemn service recalling The Last Supper. Communion will be served; Rev. Wes Allen preaches. Our Good Friday Tenebrae Worship is a moving experience extinguishing light into darkness. Worship will be *Friday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.*; Paul Savage preaching.

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