

Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WEDNESDAY

REMEMBRANCE THROUGH SACRIFICE

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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Welcome, Greeting, and Invitation to Lenten Discipline

Prelude: *Wondrous Love*

Arr. Dale Wood

Call To Worship

Leader: Let all who have received God's mercy come in repentance this day.

People: For even as we have been forgiven we have sinned before the Lord.

Leader: God calls to the faithful to repent and come before the Cross.

People: For at the Cross we are again washed clean.

Leader: And at the Cross we were called into the family of Almighty God.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

***Processional Hymn:** *Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes*

Beach Spring

1. *Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an -
 2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of -
 3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to

oth - er Lent be - gins; thus we kneel be - fore our
 fence - es to for - give, have not lis - tened to their
 proof of hu - man need; and our lack of un - der -

Mak - er in con - tri - tion for our
 trou - bles, nor have cared just how they
 stand - ing dem - on - strates our in - ner

sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal pledg - es, in re -
 live, we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pa - tient, lov - ing
 greed; we have wast - ed earth's re - sourc - es; want and

bel - lion gone a - stray; now, re - turn - ing, seek for -
 o - ver - much our things; may the yield - ing of our
 suf - fering we've ig - nored; come and cleanse us, then re -

give - ness; grant us par - don, God, this day!
 fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.
 store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent; create in us new and contrite hearts, so that when we turn to you and confess our sins we may receive your full and perfect forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Kyrie (The People Sing Responsively)

Leader: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

People: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

Leader: Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us.

People: Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us.

Leader: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

People: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

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Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, Believe the Good News of God's Grace.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Response to Forgiveness: #215** *What Wondrous Love is This* (Verse 1)

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Joel 2:12-17, p. 847

Reading from the New Testament

II Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2, p. 181

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Carl Mueller

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

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Chancel Choir; Steve Thompson, Organ

The Meditation: "PAUL'S PLEADING"

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 35

*Imposition of Ashes

Leader: Receive these ashes as a sign of your repentance

People: May Christ have mercy. Amen

***Hymn of Discipleship:#166** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

St. Flavian

*This sign is an invitation, to all who are able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

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Leading In Worship:

Pastor/Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care : Rev. Michelle Junkin

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

*And He Set His
Face Toward
Jerusalem. Luke 9:51*

Lenten Dates

Palm Sunday ~ Mar. 20th

Maundy Thursday ~ Mar. 24th

Good Friday ~ Mar. 25th

Easter ~ Mar. 27th

Spirituality Center

Our worship theme for Lent will be based on a pivotal passage in Luke's Gospel, where we are told that "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51). From this moment on, Jesus is on a journey. His physical journey to the cross becomes a metaphor for our spiritual journey during this season of Lent. This Lent, we will focus on that theme of Spiritual Journey, through our messages and a Spirituality Center we are creating in the Social Hall. This Spirituality Center will feature a large labyrinth, dramatic banners depicting the journey of Jesus, and spirituality stations that will invite you to employ different senses in exploring your relationship with God. Our Spirituality Center will be open on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, and also available for your use during the week during business hours. I invite you to visit the center often during the season of Lent. Try different stations during your visits, and set a pace that is slow and reflective. Let the center enhance your spiritual journey during this Holy Season.

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