## February 26, 2020

### Ash Wednesday

**Prelude**  
*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*  
Wilbur Held

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### Call to Worship

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### Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness, and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for your mercy; in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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### Hymn

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*  
No. 81

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### Kids Connection

*Out of the Ashes, We Rise*  
Cassandra Swenson

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### First Reading

Psalm 51:1-17 (alternative verse)

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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### Homily

**On Behalf of Christ, Be Reconciled to God**

### Anthem

*He Comes to Us*  
Text by Albert Schweitzer  
Jane Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old,  
By the lakeside He came to those men who knew Him not.  
He speaks the same word: “Follow thou me!”  
And sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.  
He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,  
He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship.  
And, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.
Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Litany of Penitence

Leader: Let us pray.

People: 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.

Leader: 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not listened 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: 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,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

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

People: accept our repentance, O God.

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

People: accept our repentance, O God.

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

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

Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(At the appropriate time come forward to receive the sign of Christ upon your forehead)

Prayer

*Hymn  They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love  
Steve Bixler, Guitar

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord (repeat)  
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand (repeat)  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side (repeat)  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude  Alone Yet Not Alone  Joni Eareckson

(Video Presentation)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor  Brent O. Johnston
Director of Music  Steve Bixler
Organist  Mark Sweeney