

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

12:30 P.M & 7:30 P.M.

February 22, 2023

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

INTROIT "Heaven's Rose" By Stan Pethel

CUMC Adult Choir

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Return to me!

All: Christ calls, and we hear.

One: Return to me!

All: Christ calls, and we listen.

One: Return to me!

All: Christ calls, and we respond.

One: Return to me!

All: Christ calls, and we turn... toward life, toward love, toward God.

One: And together let us pray.

All: Merciful God, help us to live in your grace. Speak to us with wisdom and mercy, with patience and perseverance, that we may hear your call and mend our ways. As we embark on this Lenten journey, walk with us and teach us your love, that we might be signs of your grace. Wash us completely clean and purify us from our sin! Create in us a clean heart, O God. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let all who wish to know the ways of life and death listen for the word of God.

Truly the presence of the Lord is in this place.

THE HEBREW READING 1 Samuel 2:7-8

THE PSALM READING Psalm 51:10-17

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:28-30

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "How is it with Your Soul?" Rev. Jane Kim

INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE

(A brief silence is kept, the congregation kneeling or bowed)

THE BLESSING OF ASHES

Almighty, 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 that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (Mix ashes with oil)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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

INVITATION (*in unison*)

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Steadfast Love, have mercy on us according to your loving kindness. Breathe new life into us once more. Remind us of your steadfast love and put a new spirit within us. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with the Lord Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

"Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Rejoice, for you are forgiven and filled with God's love.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OFFERINGS (in unison)

As forgiven and reconciled people let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“My Life Is In Your Hands”* Kirk Franklin/arr. Caro Cymbala

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Holy God of compassion and mercy, help us enter this holy season with the hearts you desire and with the worship that honor you. As we bring offerings, may they be dedicated to the work of compassion. Help us take on what brings you joy: sharing with the hungry and offering shelter and clothing to the homeless poor. In doing so, may light arise in the darkness. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *“It Is Well with My Soul”* UMH #377

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth to begin a new life.

All: We go this journey of faith with Jesus Christ.

One: Jesus said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

All: “Christ power rest on me. That is why I delight in weaknesses, and in difficulties.” It is well with my soul. Amen.

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Ash Wednesday

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