
February 17, 2010

12:10 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY



PRELUDE Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God *Johann Gottfried Walther*
Man's Days Are Like the Grass *Daniel Pinkham*
All People Must Pass Away *Johann Sebastian Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For everything there is a season,
People: **and a time for every matter under heaven:**
Leader: a time to be born,
People: **and a time to die;**
Leader: a time to keep,
People: **and a time to give away.**
Leader: This is the season for repentance,
People: **for turning away from aimlessness and sin;**
Leader: for returning our lives to God,
People: **as joyful children of God.**

***HYMN 83** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
Tune: DEO GRACIAS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
We have violated your commandments.
We have failed to see your image in both others
and ourselves. We have accepted lies as truth
and have become complacent in our illusions.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has led us to fear your judgment.
Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be forgiven
and changed. Grant us, O great God,
the grace to grow more and more in your likeness.
We pray in the name of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PSALTER Psalm 51:1–17 (*responsively*) (page 492, O.T.)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 53:1–6 (page 642, O.T.)

SOLO "If with All Your Hearts" from *Elijah* *Felix Mendelssohn*

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:12 (page 170, N.T.)

**Stand as you are able.*

A REFLECTION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

by Joyce Shin

CURED BY THE CURSE

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
2 Corinthians 5:21 (NRSV)

***HYMN 374** “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*traditional*)

(The Hymnal, page 16)

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**O Christ the Master Carpenter who, at the last,
through wood and nails purchased our whole salvation,
wield well your tools in the workshop of your world,
so that we, who come rough-hewn to your bench,
may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.
We ask it for your own name’s sake. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who wish are invited to come to either the front or back of the sanctuary to receive ashes either on the back of the hand or on the forehead. Ashes serve as a sign of human mortality and penitence and as a reminder that only by God’s grace in Jesus Christ are we given eternal life. Ashes are imposed with the words “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19).

DEPART IN SILENCE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joyce Shin Associate Pastor

Thomas C. Rook Parish Associate

John W. W. Sherer Organist and Director of Music

Cole Seaton Soloist

Throughout Lent, Fourth Church receives the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which supports the work of Chicago Lights, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Gifts can be made using the envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Daily Lenten devotions are available by email (send addresses to devotions fourthchurch.org), online at www.fourthchurch.org, and in printed booklets in the literature racks.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. An afternoon Communion service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. To learn more about Fourth Church, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

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