
March 9, 2011

7:30 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY



PRELUDE Behold, I Stand at the Threshold *Johann Sebastian Bach*
All People Are Mortal *Johann Ludwig Krebs*
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had
formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to
everlasting you are God.

People: **Teach us, Lord, to count our days that we may gain
a wise heart. Satisfy us in the morning with your
steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad
all our days. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

INVOCATION

***HYMN 81** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Lord, we confess that we have fallen short of your best
hopes for us. A people of pride, we see ourselves as strong
when we are weak, as great when we are small. A people
of hopelessness, others among us see ourselves as
unredeemable and beyond your help. Forgive us, Lord,
for failing to put our trust in you. Grant us the peace of
knowing that in the gift of Christ there is restoration for
all who come seeking it. Make us seekers of your glory,
and not our own. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:1–12 (*responsively*) (page 647, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Lay Up for Yourselves" *Ned Rorem*

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth
nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through
and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10 (page 170, N.T.)

REFLECTION by Adam H. Fronczek
*"See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day
of salvation!" 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NRSV)*

***HYMN 84** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" *Tune: RATHBUN*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Valediction" *David Conte*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 (*unison*) (The Hymnal, page 16)

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Brother James' Air" *Gordon Jacob*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ
you reconciled your people to yourself.
Following his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts and
serve one another in holy love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 83**

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

Tune: DEO GRACIAS

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

Adam H. Fronczek Associate Pastor
Sarah A. Johnson Minister for Congregational Care
John W. W. Sherer Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist
The Chancel Choir

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