

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Timothy Hale

*Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

*Opening Prayer

O God, maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

The Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:46-52

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Bob McLavey

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Almighty God, 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.

Imposition of the Ashes

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

*Hymn of Invitation

The Faith We Sing 2138

Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes

*Prayer of Confession

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.



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