



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022
6:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP...PSALM 51:1-2, 10-12 (NRSV)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

**All: according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**

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

**All: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

#666 vs 1-2 ***What Wondrous Love Is This***

1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

LITANY OF HONESTY

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence)

Pastor: Most holy and merciful God,

**All: we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

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

All: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

If you desire to receive ashes, please come forward.

The pastors will apply ashes to your forehead and speak the words:

“Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

SONG OF RESPONSE

#666 vs 3-4 ***What Wondrous Love Is This***

3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

GOSPEL READING...MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21 (NRSV)

Read by: Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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;
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen
presence of Jesus.
God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and
promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;
Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING SONG

#325 vs 1-3

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

COMMISSIONING

Leader: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the
Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God...and we will.

LENT/EASTER THANK OFFERING

Our Mid-Week Worship in Lent and our Easter Sunday offering has been designated to support ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS).

Giving can be done on the website
www.shephills.org/give/ , or
under Giving on onrealm.org , or
by check or cash. Please indicate Lent Offering.



PRAYERS

Please pray for Don Gaskin, Don Knight, Marie Fortune, Glenn Richter
and Betty Lueders

Please pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

David Lechler, Brother of Dawn Paulson
Walter DeBill, Husband of Stacia DeBill
Kenna Joy Kramer, Grandniece of Weldon and Mary Allison
Lori Roth, Sister of Sandy Smith

Please pray in thanksgiving for the birth of Isla Ryan Powell, daughter of Thomas Ryan and Megan Powell and, granddaughter of Ted and Corky Powell!

We pray for the people of our country and world as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Grant healing to those afflicted, strength to those who care for the sick, and wisdom to those who lead.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and all who find themselves in the midst of war, gripped by fear and uncertainty. Send your peace. Send your wisdom to leaders of the world as they grapple with deep disagreements and tensions. May we be ever aware of your beloved people all around the world who suffer and who cry out for help. Send us as proclaimers of your love.

Please pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

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