

Reader 3: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
All: We confess to You, Lord.

Reader 1: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Reader 2: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Reader 3: For our waste and pollution of Your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Reader 1: Restore us, good Lord, and let Your anger depart from us;
All: Favorably hear us, for Your mercy is great.

Reader 2: Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation,
All: That we may show forth Your glory in the world.

Reader 3: By the cross and passion of Your Son our Lord,
All: Bring us with Your saints to the joy of His resurrection. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Going Forth

(*You are invited to stand as able)

*Discover, Experience, and Share God's Love
At Jesus' Country Home*



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*' Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
and to bring hope, grace, and salvation to God's people
February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday*

Gathering

Greeting

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

Opening Prayer

Lord's Prayer

All: *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, forever. Amen.

Hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Old Testament Lesson pg. 520 Chair Bible
Psalm 51:1-17

Song "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

Gospel Lesson pg. 5 Chair Bible
Matthew 6:2-6, 16-21

Hymn "I Surrender All"

Scripture Lesson pg. 688 Chair Bible
Isaiah 58:1-12

Message Learning to Live Inside Out:
"The Fast We Choose"

Invitation to the the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn "Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes"

Litany of Confession and Pardon

Pastor: Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Reader 1: We have been deaf to Your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Reader 2: We confess to You, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

All: We confess to You, Lord.

Reader 3: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

All: We confess to You, Lord.

Reader 1: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: We confess to You, Lord.

Reader 2: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: We confess to You, Lord.