

*Ash Wednesday*  
*February 26, 2020*

PRELUDE

*O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß*, BWV 622

J.S. Bach

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

**God's love endures forever.**

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake  
in the heart of the sea;**

Though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult

**God's love endures forever.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who trust in you. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, we may receive from you full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 2138:

*Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes*  
(soft hymnal)

BEACH SPRING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, your word is our way of truth and life. Create in us hearts that are clean and put your Holy Spirit in us, so that we may receive your grace and declare your praise forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58:1-12

Pew Bible, OT, pp. 688-689

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING:

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Pew Bible, NT, pp. 5, 6

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION:

“Our Lenten Fast”

The Rev. Ellen Marquardt

LITANY OF PENITENCE:

Let us pray.

**Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another 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.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened 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.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and our exploitation of other people,

**we confess to you, O God.**

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

**we confess to you, O God.**

Our misplaced love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us to others,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**accept our repentance, O God.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**accept our repentance, O God.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**accept our repentance, O God.**

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

**Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM:

*Holy Darkness*

Dan Schutte

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*Gen. 3:19*

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

HYMN NO. 544:

*Bless The Lord My Soul*

TAIZE

(congregation will sing during the imposition of ashes)

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 707:

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

HALL

BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being – spirit, soul, and body – free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

# LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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**We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30am and 11:00am,  
and for Faith Education for all ages at 9:45am.**

## LENTEN/HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**HOLY WEEK BEGINS** – Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY** – Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Services at 8:30am and 11:00am

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** – Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Service at 7:30pm

**GOOD FRIDAY** – Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Service at 7:30pm

**GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER** – Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER** – Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Services at 8:30am and 11:00am

