

Calvary United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

- Genesis 3:19

March 2, 2022
Ash Wednesday

SERVICE OF ASHES

Greeting / Welcome

Song: "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

(tune: B.F. White / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 58:6-12

Silent Prayer / Meditation

Sung Response: "Shepherd Me, O God" (*Marty Haugen*)

Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 51:10-17

Silent Prayer / Meditation

Sung Response: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" (*John Carter*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. (2x)

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Silent Prayer / Meditation

Sung Response: "Open My Eyes, Lord" (*Jesse Manibusan*)

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you, rest now in me.

*Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.
I live within you, rest now in me.*

Blessing of the Ashes

Imposition of the Ashes

Song: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (*anonymous*)

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me . . .

Though none go with me, still I will follow . . .

Closing Prayer (*adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

Sending Forth

Sung Response: "Go Now in Peace" (*Natalie Sleeth*)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,

may the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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