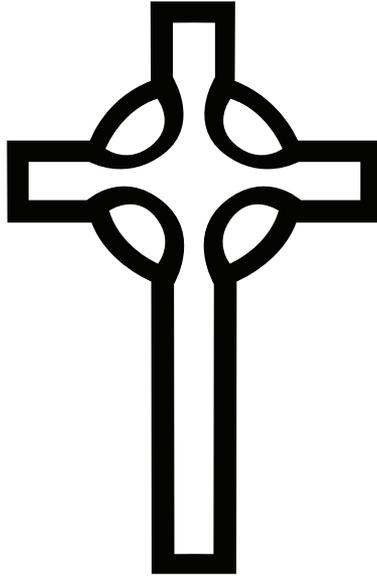


LENTEN VESPERS

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019



*Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*

Joel 2:12-13

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lenten Worship at the Lord's Table

7 P.M., Sanctuary

PRELUDE Fugue in A-flat minor Johannes Brahms
Todd Fickley, organ

WELCOME Dr. David Renwick

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

One O Lord, open my lips,

All **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

One You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it.

All **You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

One The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

All **A broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.**

from Psalm 51

▲ HYMN Near to the Heart of God *McAfee*

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where love and grace attest, near to the heart of God.

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

There is a place of true release, near to the heart of God,
a place where we find joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

Most merciful God,

whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way,

yet was without sin,

we confess before you our own sinfulness:

we have strayed from your ways in willfulness and pride,

we have doubted your goodness and grace,

we have disobeyed your commands,

we have done what is evil in your sight.

Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us from the stains of sin.

Restore in us such trust and love,

that we may walk in your path and delight in your will.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Edith McNeil

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning!

Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is thy faithfulness.

SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:1-2; 12-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Return To Me

Dr. Quinn Fox

CHORAL RESPONSE

St. Patrick's Breastplate

How rich in grace are you, O Lord, how full of compassion, merciful.

Your anger always slow to rise; your steadfast love you show to all,

For you are good in all your ways, your children know your constant care.

To all your works your love extends, all souls your tender mercies share.

from Psalm 145

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Donna Marsh

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

(Marking with ashes offered for those who so desire)

Music Meditations

A Lenten Walk

Hal Hopson

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;

Spiritual

O nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

Jesus bore the tempter's cunning; he had to bear the tempter's guile.

O nobody else could bear it for him, he had to bear it by himself.

We must take our cross and follow, yes, we must follow by ourselves.

O nobody else can follow for us, we have to follow by ourselves.

Chancel Choir

Lamb of God

Twila Paris arr. Michael Ryan

Slane

Grace Chimes, Carolann Haley, director

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O World, I Must Leave Thee”

Johannes Brahms

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An offering will be received at the doors as you exit.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesday Evenings

Light refreshments and fellowship: 6:30–7:00 p.m., Parlor

Worship: 7:00–8:00 p.m., Chapel

“A Season of Care”

March 13	“Jesus–By All Authority–Cares”
March 20	“Jesus–Through Friendship–Cares”
March 27	“Jesus–In the Household–Cares”
April 3	“Jesus–Amidst Great Suffering–Cares”
April 10	“Jesus–Personally and Communally–Cares”

Sunday Mornings

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary), 11:00 a.m. (Jones Hall)

Mar. 10	“One of Us”	<i>Dr. David Renwick</i>
Mar. 17	“Mortal Combat”	<i>Dr. Philip Ryken</i>
Mar. 24	“When Words are Powerful”	<i>Dr. David Renwick</i>
Mar. 31	“Who's Your Boss?”	<i>Dr. David Renwick</i>
April 7	“Are You Worth Dying For?”	<i>Dr. David Renwick</i>
April 14	“Seen Jesus?”	<i>Dr. David Renwick</i>

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday	April 14 Worship: 9 & 11 a.m. (Sanctuary), 11 a.m. (Jones Hall) Concert: 5 p.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 18 Worship: 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Good Friday	April 19 Worship: 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Easter Sunday	April 21 Sanctuary Worship: 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m. Family Celebration: 10 a.m. in Jones Hall



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