

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday Service

February 26th, 2020

7:00pm



Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church!

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GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children,
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

Psalm 103:8-14

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Come Ye Souls by Sins Afflicted (Look to Jesus)

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“The Blessing of Seeing God”

David Speakman

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

Matthew 5:1-9

LITANY OF PENITENCE

For our sins of word and deed... All we've done and left undone...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

For our failure to forgive... Falsely judging and condemning...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

For our pride, our lies, our anger... Deaf to calls for loving service...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

For our fear of all that's different... Refusing, Lord, to see our neighbor...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

For our busyness and numbness... Neglecting prayer and works of mercy...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

For our waste of your creation... Self-indulgent ways of living...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

For complacency and silence... Lacking hope and faithful vision...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Come and break the chains that bind us... Break the power of the darkness...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Allow us to return to you with our whole heart...

Enable us to rend our hearts and not merely our garments...

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

All are invited forward to receive ashes. As ashes are imposed, we will sing together:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

CONCLUDING PRAYER

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

BENEDICTION

Depart in Silence