

First Presbyterian Evanston

February 22, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

FOCUS

Opening Sentences

“No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great.” — John Chrysostom (d. 407)

Prelude

From the Inside Out

(Words & Music: Joel Houston, 2005; CCLI Song #4705176)

A thousand times I've failed. Still Your mercy remains. And should I stumble again, Still I'm caught in Your grace.

Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades, Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame. Your will above all else. My purpose remains: The art of losing myself In bringing You praise. Everlasting...

In my heart, in my soul, Lord, I give You control. Consume me from the inside out, Lord. Let justice and praise Become my embrace, To love You from the inside out.

Your will above all else...Everlasting...My heart, in my soul...

EXALT

Welcome

“Since the beginning of the Church, Christians have observed the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection with great devotion. It became one of the greatest traditions of the church to prepare for

these events through serious examination of our spiritual lives. The season of Lent is a time of penitence, discipline, and renewal. In the Ash Wednesday service we are reminded of our mortality, we confess our sins, and we experience forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection. The "imposition of ashes" is a central part of the service. You are invited to come forward to receive the ashes on your forehead. In Scripture, ashes serve both as a symbol of mortality and as a sign of mourning and repentance. But neither sin nor death are the final word. We leave the service in confidence and gratitude: Christ has conquered death, and nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." — Harry Boonstra (1935-2017)

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: slow to anger and abounding in love.

In the name of Christ, be reconciled to God.

This is the day of our salvation.

O God, you delight not in pomp and show, but in a humble and contrite heart.

Overturn our selfish ways and our love of worldly possessions and fix our hearts more firmly on you, that, having nothing, we may yet possess everything, a treasure stored up for us in heaven. Amen.

Opening Song

Trisagion (Holy God)*

(Words: pre-4th century; Music: Fernando Ortega, 2011; CCLI Song #6513081)

Holy God

Holy and Mighty

Holy Immortal One

Have mercy, have mercy on us

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Songs of Response Change My Heart, O God*

(Words & Music: Eddie Espinosa; CCLI Song #1565)

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.

You are the potter,
I am the clay;
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord, v. 1, 2, 4 (*Red Hymnal #39*)*

(*Words: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1906; Music: George C. Stebbins, 1907; CCLI Song #28225*)

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,

As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway!

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

Call to Confession (*from Psalm 51*)

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; If I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

All: Almighty and everlasting God,

You breathed into dust the breath of life,

creating us for fellowship with You.

But we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much

the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things

which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things

which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Forgive those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared to the world

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,

that we may live a holy, just, and humble life

to the glory of your holy name.

(We offer our silent prayers of confession to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Listen, the time has come at last.

Look, now is the day of salvation! *(2 Corinthians 6:2)*

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

My Worth is Not in What I Own, *chorus*

(Words & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Graham Kendrick, 2014, CCLI Song # 7024758)

I rejoice in my redeemer

Greatest treasure

Wellspring of my soul

And I will trust in him, no other

My soul is satisfied in him alone

Scripture

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

¹ “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶ “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Song of Response

My Worth is Not in What I Own*

(Words & Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Graham Kendrick, 2014, CCLI Song # 7024758)

My worth is not in what I own,
Not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name,
In win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure,
Wellspring of my soul.
And I will trust in him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die,
Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,
Or human wisdom's fleeting light,
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure,
Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in him alone.

Two wonders here that I confess:
My worth and my unworthiness,
My value fixed, my ransom paid
At the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure,
Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in him alone.

I rejoice in my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure,
Wellspring of my soul.
And I will trust in him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in him alone.

ENCOUNTER

Sermon

Inhabiting the Practices of Faith
Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Litany for the Imposition of the Ashes

Leader: We begin our Lenten observance and journey to Easter morning with the symbol of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty of our own human lives, calls us to humility and heartfelt repentance, and urges us to place our hope in God alone.

All: Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes remind us of our mortality and penitence and teach us again that only by your gracious gift are

**we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

People of God, each year we remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which He overcame death and provided for us redemption from sin. Lent is a season of preparation for this celebration, a time for personal and communal renewal and penitence. I invite you, therefore, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

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

All: "...whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

(Romans 14:8)

Anthem

Give Me Jesus

(Words & Music: Traditional, harm. By Verolga Nix, 1993-2014; CCLI Song #776405)

I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say,

I heard my mother say, Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,

You may have all this world, Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, Dark midnight was my cry,

Dark midnight was my cry, Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,

You may have all this world, Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,

Oh, when I come to die, Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,

You may have all this world, Give me Jesus.

Prayer of Response

All: God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. As we journey as pilgrims throughout these forty days, teach us to walk in the light of Your Word. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill us with the life that is Christ within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

Closing Song I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

*(Words and Music: African American Spiritual, arr. Nolan Williams, Jr., 2000;
CCLI Song #5304868)*

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me,
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me,
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me,
All along my pilgrim journey,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Benediction

Depart in Silence

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Piano, Vocals, Opening Sentences

Erwin Yasukawa, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Welcome & Opening Prayer, Sermon, Imposition of Ashes, Benediction

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Confession, Imposition of Ashes, Prayer of Response

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as we serve and make disciples in Evanston, the Chicago area,
and the world.***



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Your Name

Family members' names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone: Cell Home

Email address

- Send me the weekly E-newsletter
- First time visitor
- Occasional attendee
- Regular attendee/member

- Single
- Married
- Have children at home
- Junior/High School student
- College student/Graduate student

I'm interested in:

- Knowing Jesus better
- I need prayer or support
- I would like to speak with a pastor
- Joining a Small Group
- Joining the Welcome Team
- Worship Music Team
- Sound/AV/Video Team
- Prayer Team
- Becoming a Member
- I need a Stephen Minister
- Communion at home suggested for
_____ (name)

Please pray for:

(This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team)