



First Presbyterian Church

Pipestone, Minnesota

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Gathering

Prelude : Oh Lord Most Holy
Let Us Enjoy God Together

Ringing of the bell

Welcome : Stan Menning

Announcement : Emily Speer

Organ/Piano Duet : It Is Well With My Soul

Call to worship

Leader : This Lenten journey is a process, a
commitment, a labor of love.

People : **We must be prepared for resurrection.**
We must wait for it with penitent hearts.

Leader : With ashes we are marked to remind us of
our mortality, to remind us of our
desperate need of God's eternal life.

People : **With dust we are sealed into the ground**
from which we came.

Leader : But from that same ground, that empty
tomb, comes new life.

People : **But not yet. We must wait in prayer, we must wait in penitence. we must wait in patience.**

Leader : Resurrection is coming.

People : **But not yet. We must prepare. We must wait.**

Leader : First comes the journey to which Christ calls us.

All : **Come, let us begin this Lenten journey.**

Hymn #298 : There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading : Isaiah 58: 1-12
(Page #907 Old Testament NRSV XL Ed)

Second Reading : 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6: 10
(Page #244 New Testament NRSV)

Gospel Reading : Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
(Page #11 New Testament NRSV)

Meditation : From Dust to Dust
Stan Menning

Hymn #81 : Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Litany of Penitence

Based on Psalm 51 ESV (Page #699 Old Testament NRSV XL Ed)

- Leader : Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- People : **Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**
- Leader : For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- People : **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.**
- Leader : Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- People : **For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**
- Leader : Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- People : **Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- Leader : Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.
- People : **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
- Leader : Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- People : **Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Leader : I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

People : **Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.**

Leader : Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

People : **Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray.

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, 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.

Truly dust we are, and to dust we shall return; and truly yours we are, and to you we shall return. Help this to be a time of turning round and beginning again. Through the forty days of Lent, help us to follow you and to find you: in the discipline of praying and in the drudgery of caring – in whatever we deny ourselves, and whatever we set ourselves to learn or do.

Help us to discover you in our loneliness and in community, in our emptiness and our fulfillment, in our sadness and our laughter.

Help us to find you when we ourselves are lost. Help us to follow you on the journey to Jerusalem to the waving palms of the people's hope, to their rejection, to the cross and empty tomb.

Help us to perceive new growth amid the ashes of the old. Help us, carrying your cross, to be signs of your Kingdom. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Prayer

Organ/Piano Duet : Christ We Do All Adore Thee

Sending

Hymn #326 : Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Charge & Benediction : *(Please Stand)*

Postlude : Bind Us Together



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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Easter Lilies are Available to Purchase

Easter Lilies are now available to purchase. It is \$11.00 per lily and will be displayed on Easter Sunday and the Sunday after Easter. Please indicate if you would like to pick up or donate to our shut-in members.

Gearing Up for Kindergarten at Pipestone Elementary

The preparations have begun for Kindergarten Roundup for students who will be of Kindergarten age for the 2022-23 school year! E-mails have been sent and phone calls have been made to the parents of the students who meet the age requirement (age 5 on or BEFORE September 1st, 2022) that we currently have in our system. If you did not receive a call or an email message and your child will be 5 (age 5 on or BEFORE September 1st, 2022), please contact Lori at Pipestone Elementary by email (lori.ilse@pas.k12.mn.us) or phone number (507-562-6203).

Pastoral Nominating Committee

The PNC has met to begin work to find a pastor. They are in the beginning stages of their work and need your prayers at this time.

Fellowship Sign-Ups

Please sign up for the fellowship. Fellowship Sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.