

Wednesday Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

beginning March 13 at 11:45 a.m. in
Presby Place

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:30 p.m. with Seder meal and supper.

Good Friday, April 19

7:00 p.m. combination of Tenebrae service and
special music reflecting the sacrifice of our Lord
and Savior.



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I turned to the Lord God and
pleaded with him in
prayer and petition, in fasting,
and in sackcloth and ashes.



Ash Wednesday

March 6, 2019

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Organ Prelude *Prayer* by Giuseppe Verdi
Mitchell Jerko, Organist

Call to Worship Whitney Short
Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

People: God’s love endures forever.
Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: God’s love endures forever.

Hymn #438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Prayer

Old Testament Reading Job 42:1-6 Whitney Short

Congregational Psalm Reading Psalm 51:1-12 Pages 503, 504

Special Music *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Handbell Choir

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6 Bruce McMillan

Meditation Rev. R.C. McConnell

Unison Reading of Penitence

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Special Music *Recitative: Thy Rebuke Hath Broke His Heart*
Aria: Behold and See if There Be Any Sorrow

From Messiah by G.F. Handel
Ryan Hernandez, Soloist

Imposition of Ashes
All are invited to come forward (in two lines) to receive and share a symbol of repentance of prayer, with the sign of the cross on your forehead or hand.

Hymn of Assurance #819 *Be Still, My Soul*

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in A Minor* by J.S. Bach

The ushers this evening are: Sally Mullen and Steven Graham.

In the Bible, ashes symbolize 2 things: human mortality and public repentance.

Human mortality: The ashes remind us we are all created from the earth and, like our ancestors of faith, we have all sinned and live in a world that is not Paradise.

Public repentance-Repenting in sackcloth and ashes is practiced many times in the Old Testament. Many people used ashes such as David after he and Bathsheba lost their child (Psalm 51), Job when he realizes his own lack of understanding, and Daniel as an appeal to God on behalf of the dispersed people of Israel.

We impose ashes in the **sign of the cross** because it reminds us that Jesus Christ took all sin upon Himself on the cross, and gave us the promise of new life in Him, redeemed and restored to life in Paradise.