

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 2, 2022

6:30p

Greeting

“Even now, declares the Lord,
return to me with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12)

Roll up your sleeves.

Let down your guard.

Come in from the storm.

Make yourself at home.

Pull up to the table.

Release the tension in your jaw. Take a deep breath.

Return to God with all your heart.

May it be so.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn Near to the Heart of God UMH 472

There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

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 a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.

Scripture Reading Matt. 6:1-6,16-21

Reflection With All That You Are Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of the Ashes

Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Holy God, we confess: we don't return to you fully.

We share with you the pieces of our lives that are convenient.

We put on different hats in different rooms.

We forget that we are called, invited, and loved with all that we are— including our mess, our beauty, our faith, and our doubt.

Forgive us, and give us hearts that long to return.

Friends, God sees you. God hears you. God loves you. You are forgiven and claimed with all that you are. Rest in that good news.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

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

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For

thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

*Hymn Just as I Am (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6) UMH 357

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Dismissal with Blessing

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