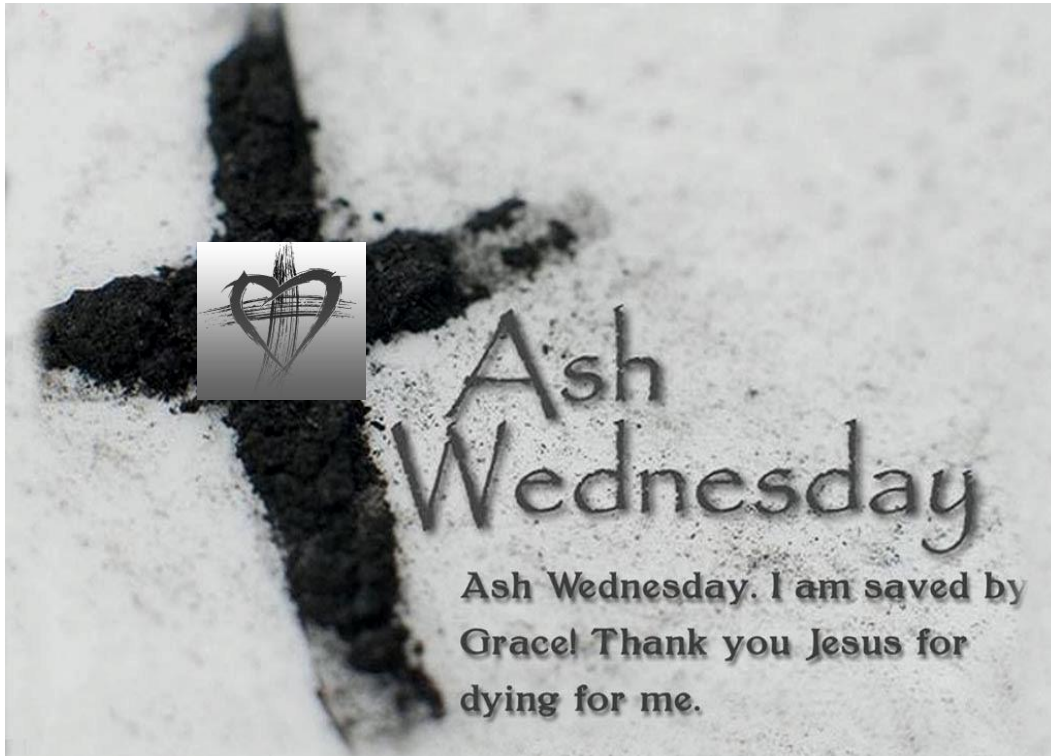


Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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PRELUDE

Jennifer Blackburn

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Isaiah 53, selected verses*

Freddie Rasberry

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

ALL: Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.

ALL: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living – stricken for the transgression of my people?

ALL: And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

INVOCATION

***HYMN # 228**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12; Hebrews 9:27

(ESV Pew Bible p. 2, 942, 1006)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *From the Westminster Larger Catechism*

Leader: Is everyone going to die?

ALL: Since we have been warned that the wages of sin is death, everyone is destined to die once, because everyone has sinned.

***INVITATION TO RECEIVE THE IMPOSTION OF ASHES**

CALL TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE OF REPENTANCE & RENEWAL

PRAYER CONFESSING SIN AND SEEKING GOD’S MERCY *from Palm 51*

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

ALL: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

Leader: So that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.

ALL: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Leader: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

ALL: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

PROCLAIMING GOD’S OF GRACE IN CHRIST JESUS

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 53:11-12; Romans 5:15-21; Hebrews 9:28

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GOOD NEWS MESSAGE *Righteousness for Eternal Life through Jesus*

Martin Lifer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *From the Westminster Larger Catechism*

Pastor: Given that death is the wages of sin, why are the righteous not delivered from death, since all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

ALL: At the last day, the righteous will be delivered from death itself. In the meantime, even when they die, they are delivered from the sting and curse of death, and God’s love completely frees them from sin and misery, enabling them to have a deeper communion with Christ when they enter into his glory after death.

***HYMN # 435** (v. 1)

Just As I Am

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Unison)*

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR DISCIPLES

***HYMN # 511**

The Solid Rock

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Blackburn

**Congregation Standing*

There will be no formal offering taken during tonight’s service. However, if you would like to give tonight either God’s Tithe or your further or special offerings, we invite you to place your gift in one of the Offering Plates that are on the front steps of the Chancel – whether before or after the service, or at a time in which you come forward during the service.