



Centenary  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**February 21, 2023**

**Ash Wednesday**

*(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)*

### **The Silent Processional**

### **The Call to Worship**

Leader: Let all the earth tremble,  
**People: For the day of the Lord is coming.**  
Leader: Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.  
**People: Our God is slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love.  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord.**

### **The Hymn No. 2138**

*Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes*

BEACH SPRING

1. Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes  
as another Lent begins;  
thus we kneel before our Maker  
in contrition for our sins.  
We have marred baptismal pledges,  
in rebellion gone astray;  
now, returning, seek forgiveness;  
grant us pardon, God, this day!
2. We have failed to love our neighbors,  
their offences to forgive,  
have not listened to their troubles,  
nor have cared just how they live,  
we are jealous, proud, impatient,  
loving over much our things;  
may the yielding of our failings  
be our Lenten offerings.
3. We are hasty to judge others,  
blind to proof of human need;  
and our lack of understanding  
demonstrates our inner greed;  
we have wasted earth's resources;  
want and suffering we've ignored;  
come and cleanse us then restore us;  
make new hearts within us Lord

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## The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: O God, who by your Word has worked out the  
reconciliation of all humankind:**

**Grant, we pray, that by this holy time  
of fasting and self-denial  
we may both subject ourselves to you  
with all our hearts,  
and be united with one another  
in our prayers;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Psalter No. 785

Psalm 51:1-17

Psalm 51:11  
Carlton R. Young

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. \_\_\_\_\_

### *Response*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3 **For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned,  
and done that which is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence,  
and blameless in your judgment.
- 5 **Behold, I was born into iniquity,  
and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.** *Response*
- 6 Behold, you desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

- 7 **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;**
- 8 Make me hear with joy and gladness;  
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- 9 **Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.   *Response***
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 **Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- 13 **Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.**
- 14 Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- 15 **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth  
shall show forth your praise.**
- 16 For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- 17 **The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.   *Response***

**The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**The Hymn No. 623**

*Here, O My Lord I See thee*

PENITENTIA

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
and all my weariness upon thee lean.
2. This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heavenly table spread for me;  
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong  
the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.
3. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;  
here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
4. Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;  
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.  
The bread and wine remove; but thou art here,  
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
5. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;  
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,  
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

**The Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline**

**The Thanksgiving Over the Ashes**

**The Imposition of Ashes**

**The Music During the Imposition**     *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**The Invitation**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins,  
and are in love and charity with your neighbors,  
and intend to lead a new life,  
following the commandments of God,  
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:  
Draw near with faith,  
and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort,  
and make your humble confession to almighty God.

**The Confession (in unison)**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all people:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.

For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve  
and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Prayer for Pardon**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of thy great mercy  
hast promised forgiveness of sins  
to all them that with hearty repentance  
and true faith turn to thee:  
Have mercy upon us;  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins;  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness;  
and bring us to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Anthem

*Treasures in Heaven*  
Emily Downey, soprano

Joseph Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
Where moth and rust doth corrupt,  
and where thieves break through and steal,  
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n,  
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find;  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you,  
For ev'ry one that asketh receiveth, And he that seeketh findeth,  
And to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matthew 6:19-21; 7: 7-8

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## The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and with all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Carlton R. Young

5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

8 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

11 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

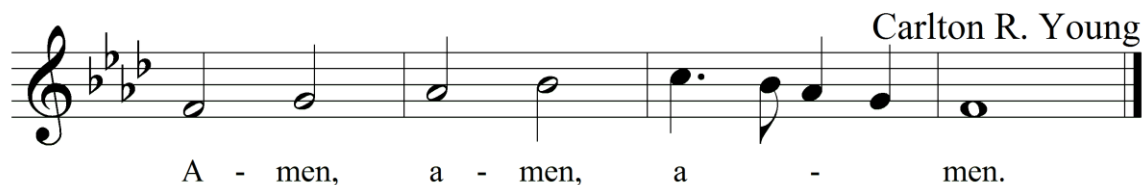
*The Congregation is seated and the pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:*

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:  
All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.*



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### **The Lord's Prayer No. 895**

**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 that 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.**

### **The Giving and Receiving of Communion**

**The Communion Music**

*Toccata for the Elevation*

Girolamo Frescobaldi

**The Hymn No. 296***Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

PICARDY

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,  
sing the ending of the fray;  
now above the cross, the trophy,  
sound the loud triumphant lay:  
tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
as a victim won the day.
2. Tell how, when at length the fullness  
of th' appointed time was come,  
Christ, the Word, was born of woman,  
left for us his heavenly home;  
showed us human life made perfect,  
shone as light amid the gloom.
3. Thus, with thirty years accomplished,  
went he forth from Nazareth,  
destined, dedicated, willing,  
wrought his work, and met his death.  
Like a lamb he humbly yielded  
on the cross his dying breath.
4. Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph,  
now for us the noblest tree,  
none in foliage, none in blossom,  
none in fruit thy peer may be;  
symbol of the world's redemption,  
for the weight that hung on thee!
5. Unto God be praise and glory:  
to the Father and the Son,  
to th' eternal Spirit honor  
now and evermore be done;  
praise and glory in the highest,  
while unending ages run.

**The Benediction****The Dismissal with Blessing****The Silent Recessional**

*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this worship service.*

# Scripture Readings

## Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### Concerning Almsgiving

<sup>6</sup> “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.

<sup>2</sup> “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. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

### Concerning Prayer

<sup>5</sup> “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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

### Concerning Fasting

<sup>16</sup> “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. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> 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.

### Concerning Treasures

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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