



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**February 22, 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.)*

## Silent Processional

## 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.**

## 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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## 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.**

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*

**Hymn No. 623**

*Here, O My Lord I See Thee*

PENETENTIA

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.

**Homily**

*The Great Exchange*

Dr. Matt Bates

**Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline**

**Thanksgiving Over the Ashes**

**Imposition of Ashes**

**Music During the Imposition**

*O Mensch Bewein*

J. S. Bach

**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.

**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.

## 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.

## Anthem

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Mueller

## 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

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

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

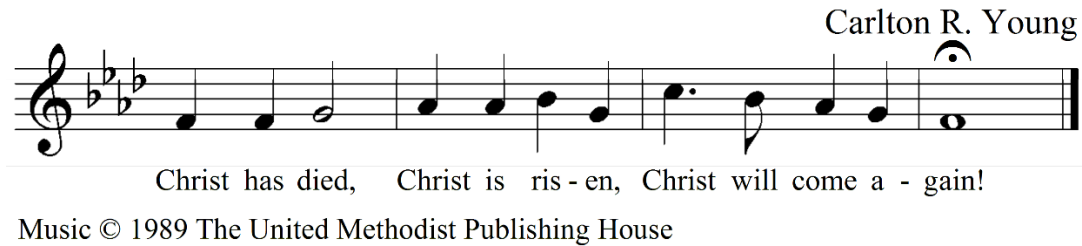
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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

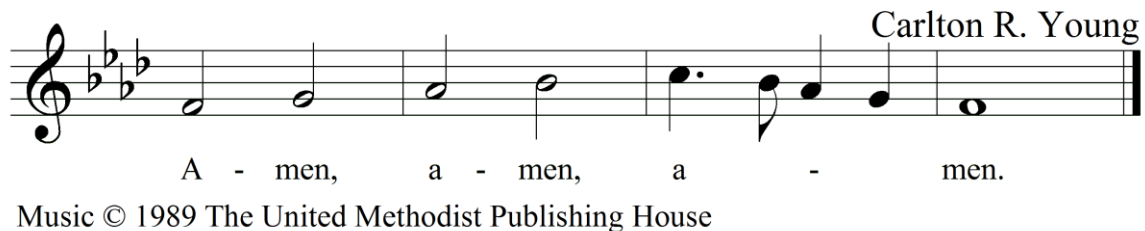
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*The Congregation is seated and the pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:*

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.



*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.



### 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.**

### Giving and Receiving of Communion

#### Communion Music

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.

**Dismissal with Blessing****Silent Recessional**

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

## Scripture Readings

### II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

<sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, <sup>9</sup> as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.