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ASH WEDNESDAY
February 26, 2020

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a -
2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so won-drous-ly reign -
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains the piano accompaniment.

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -
ing; shel-tering you un - der his wings, and so gent - ly sus -
you: sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -
him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

The second system of musical notation continues the treble and bass staves from the first system, with lyrics underneath the treble staff.

va - tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tain - ing! Have you not seen all that is
 tend - you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him. Let the A - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 might - y can do, if with his love he be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

LOBE DEN HERREN
 14.14.7.8.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My dear worshippers, know that
People: All the beauty in the world,
 Leader: Is made within the oppressive limitations
People: Of time.
 Leader: And Death.
People: And Impermanence.
 Leader: Welcome to this evening's worship.

HYMN

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

1. Chil - dren of the heav - en - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bos - om gath - er;
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4. Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne' er for - sak - eth;

nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.
 from all e-vil things he spares them; in his might-y arms he bears them.
 un-to them his grace he show-eth, and their sor-rows all he know-eth.
 his the lov-ing pur-pose sole-ly to pre-serve them pure and ho-ly.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and Gracious Mystery, you who created all things just by speaking.
 We gather here as mortals. Conscious that we are future dead people.
 Thinking of those who have gone before us. Wondering about our place in it all.
 Remind us again to be proud of our place in the cosmos. It is small. And yet. It is.
 It is through your grace and love that we exist, and to this we give you thanks and praise.
 Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" – Lloyd Larson Combined Choirs

SCRIPTURE Psalm 103

SERMON "Like Grass" Rev. Luke Lindon

PALM EXERCISE

RESPONSE "Lord, Have Mercy" *Please join in singing when prompted*

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy on me;

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy on ____

me.

PROCESSION OF THE DEAD PALMS

SONG

"Fix You" by Coldplay

Ian Morgan

IMPOSTITION OF THE ASHES

HYMN

"It Is Well With My Soul"

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

VILLE DU HAVRE
11 8.11 9 with Refrain

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

Refrain

well with my soul.
 blood for my soul. Lord, O my soul!
 It is well with my soul,
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

BENEDICTION (written by **Pádraig Ó Tuama** and found here: <https://peterrollins.com/go-in-pieces>)

- Leader: The task has ended. Go in pieces.
- People: **Our faith has been rear-ended, certainty amended, and something might be mended that we didn't know was torn.**
- Leader: And we are fire, bright, burning fire,
- People: **turning from the higher places from which we fell,**
- Leader: emptying ourselves into the hell in which we'll find our loving and beloved brother,
- People: **mother, sister, father, friend.**
- Leader: And so friends, the task has ended. Go in pieces to see and feel your world.
- People: **Amen.**

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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Ushers: Dick Christy, Darlene Fazekas

2020 LENTEN DINNERS & WORSHIP

6:00 pm Wednesdays ** March 4th – April 1st MMA Lenten Series: Half/Truths

Based on the series by Adam Hamilton: They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

Join local area churches in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include:

March 4 - "Love the sinner, hate the sin." - St. Paul's Episcopal (317 E. Liberty St)

March 11 - "God said it, I believe it, that settles it." - Medina UCC (217 E. Liberty St)

March 18 - "God won't give you more than you can handle." - First Christian Church
(4797 Sharon Copley Rd)

March 25 - "God helps those who help themselves." - St. Matthew Lutheran
(400 N. Broadway St)

April 1 - "Everything happens for a reason." - Medina Presbyterian (5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd)

April 10 - Good Friday – Worship in UCC Chapel 7:00 pm

Free will offering will go to the MMA Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship.