

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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(*Indicates to stand, if able)

February 17, 2021 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent, which calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem. It calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth. Lent also invites us to participate in the mystery of God-with-us. By your grace, call us from grief into gladness, despair into hope, estrangement into right relations with each other and with the earth.

HYMN NO. 695

“Change My Heart, O God”

*PRAYER

Purifying Mystery, your light exposes in us all that we hide. Awaken us and all your Holy Church to spiritual combat. Lead us to purity of soul and body in these forty days. Fortify us to take an honest look at ourselves and to name our secret sins and our ruts of disobedience.

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17(Pg. 846)

NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Pg. 179)

L: Word of God for the people of God
P: Thanks be to God

HOMILY

“We Need Each Other”

PASTOR NICKI

*HYMN NO. 436

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

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 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.

BENEDICTION

IMPOSITION OF ASHES-

Please wait to be dismissed by an usher and receive your ashes as you exit the door