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**March 2, 2022**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Noon & 6:30 pm**

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

## Call to Worship

We come to worship God.

**In our need and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus.

**And who knows by experience what human life is like.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts.

**We come with our hopes and with our fears.**

We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come.

**And God has promised never to turn us away.**

## Anthem

“There is a Longing in My Heart”

## Opening Prayer

**Holy One: we are always in your presence. In this moment, may we be aware of you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We were created in your image, born as you were, and we know that death awaits us. In this brief span of time, may we turn back to you in a spirit of repentance and renewal. May we remember that we are your beloved children, and we belong to you, in life and death. Holy One, make your presence known to us, now and always, as we worship you. Amen.**

## Scripture

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21  
(NT: p. 5 | LPNT: p. 6)

Bart Roush

## Meditation

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## Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

## Hymn

Lord Have Mercy (*sing twice*)

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
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## **Litany of Penitence & The Lord's Prayer**

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for  
those who come after us,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

**Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these  
ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that  
only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior, who taught us to pray...

**Our Father\* in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us  
from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the  
power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*\*Other options include Creator or Mother*

## **Imposition of Ashes**

**Anthem**

“Sign Us With Ashes”

**Blessing & Charge**

Bart Roush

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*Participants in worship today include:*

Vocalists (noon): **Sonya Butler & Karen Gerdes;**

Vocalists (6:30 pm) **Becky Dop & Emma Wasko;**

Pianist: **Nancy Hauser;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes & Randy Dop**

***An offering plate is available as people exit the sanctuary  
and please be mindful of distancing.***