



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Music #433

Sign Us With Ashes

Prayer for Lent and The 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.

Hymn #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Blessing, Charge and Passing of the Peace



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Ash Wednesday

In Preparation for Worship

“After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into a wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another, what it means to be themselves...”
- Frederick Buechner, *Listening to Your Life*

Prelude

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
arr. William Mathias

Soloist: Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.
ALL: **We must walk this lonesome valley. We have to walk it by ourselves.**
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

Greeting and Invitation to Lenten Disciple

Call to Worship* Hymn #535 Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Silence

Hymn #420 Lord, to My Soul is Lifted

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession* from Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within us. We are your creation, O Lord. Help us to live as reflections of You.
We often forget to say “thank you” for the gifts You have given to us. Hear now our prayers of gratitude... **(silence)**
We often forget that others in the world are Your creation, too. Hear now our prayers for Your love to be shown through us to others... **(silence)**
We often forget to stand up for what is right and just for those who are poor, marginalized, and oppressed. Hear now our prayers for places where justice is lost, and hope is subdued... **(silence)**

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within us. May we know Your steadfast love and may Your grace give us courage to live as those You created us to become... **(silence)**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103

Chancel Choir

Meditation

David Lower

Hymn #439*

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, of every gender and race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

The Offering Invitation

Giving is a tangible sign of worship. If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offertory

Near the Cross *arr. Victor Labenske*

Invitation to the Imposition of Ashes

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Those who desire may come forward in order to receive the imposition of ashes in the form of a cross on the forehead, or top of hand. The ashes signify that we exist and are loved by the grace of God.