

CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Join us for a drink of Living Water"

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

"Remember that You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

March 5, 2025

**all who are able may stand*

Prelude *'Nearer, My God, To Thee'* ~ Mason

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let Us Worship God! God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

People: His Love endures forever!

Leader: God is our Refuge and Strength, a present Help in trouble.

People: Therefore We will not fear,

Leader: Though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: God's Love endures forever!!!

***Opening Prayer**

1st Lesson: Joel 2:1,12-18 (NKJ)

Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand: "Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him-- a grain offering and a drink offering for the

you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Message

'Life out of Ashes'
Rev. Mark Simonds

John 15:1-11

Imposition of Ashes and Sharing in the Lord's Supper

(All who wish to receive ashes and/or participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper may come forward, first, if receiving ashes to Pastor Mark to receive ashes on the forehead or hand, then, if receiving the Lord's Supper, to our servers who will give you the bread and the cup. Eat and drink as you receive them and place your cup in the basket and return to your seat for the conclusion of the service)

***Hymn 183**

'Beneath the Cross of Jesus'

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Pastor: Our Baptism is a sign and seal of our cleansing from sin and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the life death and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's Kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's Kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewing of the promises made at our baptism.

I ask you therefore, once again, to reject sin, and to profess your faith in Jesus Christ and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized

Trusting in the Gracious mercy of God do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Congregation: I do.

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Congregation Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying His Word and showing His love?

Congregation: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: With the whole Church let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin, Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

Remember your Baptism and be thankful In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

****Benediction***

(Following the service any who wish to may wash off their ashes as a sign of knowing that they have been made clean through Christ- Whether you choose to wash off the ashes or leave them on as a witness to your faith know this: In Jesus Christ You are forgiven!)

Postlude

'The Old Rugged Cross'

~ Bennard

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LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" Then the LORD will be zealous for His land and pity His people.

*Hymn No. 375

'Jesus Calls Us'

Confession of Sin: Ps 51:1-17 (Read together lines in bold)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight--

that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice.

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit Within me.

Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; you do not delight in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart-- these, O God, You will not despise.

Second Lesson: Matthew 6:1-16

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell