

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

6:45 pm

Gathering

Prelude *Meditation on
"Pleading Savior"* Arr. Binckes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Brian Mitchell

Leader: Let us worship God. God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the word might be saved through him.

People: God's love endures forever.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear 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.

***Unison Prayer** Brian Mitchell

Almighty God,

You despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon, and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Hymn #187
(vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.
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hear your children when we pray.

Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.
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you have loved us; love us still.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:1-12
New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Brian Mitchell
Rev. Joy Laughridge

Meditation

Special Music

The Wonderous Cross
LPC Band

Arr. Dan Galbrith

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Silent Reflection and Confession

Insert

Litany of Penitence

Rev. Vickie Bossuot
Common Book of Worship, pgs. 225-226

Leader: Let us pray.

People: 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.

Leader: 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

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

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people.

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: 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,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

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

People: accept our repentance, O God.

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

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

People: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Imposition of the Ashes

Rev. Joy Laughridge
Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Closing Prayer

Leader: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation

People: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

People: bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Closing Hymn

There is a Place of Quiet Rest
(vs. 1 & 3)

Hymn #824

There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

*Benediction

*Indicates Congregation Standing

Duty Elders for March:

Dottie Fletcher
Catie Wallace
CJ Clark

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth and Young Adults:

Brian Mitchell

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Director of Music:

Tony Testino



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Thinking with Christ's Mind • Loving with Christ's Heart • Serving with Christ's Hands

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