



Burns United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday

February 14th 2024

Prelude – a time of meditation and preparation.

* Words of gathering and invocation

One: May the Grace and Peace of the Lord be among us and with us tonight.

All: Come Lord; favor us with Your holy presence.

One: We gather tonight seeking a prayerful connection with our Lord God, through the intercession of Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit to guide us.

All: In this gathering we seek Divine Guidance to begin our journey through the holy season of Lent.

One: Lord, hear our confessions and grant us forgiveness.

All: We come prepared to begin a journey to Easter.

One: We come seeking Your guidance for us; for humanity.

All: Almighty Loving Lord, join us.

* **Hymn** **Just As I Am, Without One Plea** *Hymnal #357*

Scripture **Psalm 51:1-4, 10-17** *Pew Bible O.T. #520*

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Reflection and Confession:

One: Merciful God, hear our confession.

All: Lord, You have called us to be Christians in this world.

We confess that we have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

One: Forgive us, we pray.

All: Thank You for the holy example of the Master Teacher Jesus Christ.

One: "Spare your people, O LORD – lead us to sit at the feet of Christ who teaches us that the yoke of obedience is easy and that the burden of righteousness is light.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Amen

Pastoral Prayer

• **Scripture** **Matthew 6:1-5, 19-21** *Pew Bible N.T. #5*

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* **Hymn** **I Need Thee Every Hour** *Hymn # 397*

Homily **Ashes Inside** *Rev. Peter Freytag*

Anthem **Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling** *Choir*

Prayer of Commitment *Rev. Peter Freytag*

One: Lord God, from the dust of the earth You have created us.

All: Grant us Your attention as we come in repentance with our determination to walk a more faithful journey.

One: Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. We bring the ashes; made from the palms of Palm Sunday; with a request that You bless them as symbols of Your Almighty forgiveness and redemption.

All: We are Yours Lord. Guide us to follow more closely each day in the footsteps of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Benediction

May Almighty and Merciful God accept our repentance, forgive our sins and count us among those worthy of redemption and restoration to new life by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able*

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Mission Statement: "As Burns Memorial United Methodist Church, we believe that God loves ALL PEOPLE, and as disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to share God's love through our words and actions."

*Everyone is welcome
and invited to receive
the imposition of Ashes.*

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