

ASH WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL SERVICE

FEB 17, 2021

Please have a small amount of dirt (1T or so), and the cross of burlap you received in your Lenten mailing. If you don't have the cross, please draw a cross, about 3" high on a piece of paper.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

CONFESSION

based on Psalm 51:1-17

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

You know my transgressions, Righteous God, and so do I.

I have done what is evil in your sight.

As your people, we have not been as faithful as we could be.

But we do not know how to escape from our sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

We pass judgment on others;

And we forget that judgment is your job, not ours.

Do not cast me away from you;

Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Wipe away my wrongdoings, God of Mercy.

Hide your face from my transgressions, God of Love.

Create in me a clean heart.

Put a new and right spirit within me.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Sustain in me a willing spirit;

And restore to me the joy of your salvation.

You desire truth in my inward being;

Teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Let me hear joy and gladness;

Let me sing aloud of your deliverance!

It is our genuine selves that you desire.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Then I will become an example for faithfulness;

And I will help others return to your ways.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.



TIME OF SILENT PRAYERS AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

God, you remind us in your word that when we are in Christ we are new creatures, and the old things pass away. This Ash Wednesday we take hold of your promise: Renew us, Lord: a new walk, a new talk, a new mind, a new heart, a new life. **Thank you for the promise that we can truly be made new again. Amen**

REFLECTION AND PRAYER ON THE DUST

HYMN

Beautiful Things

recorded by the group Gungor

All this pain,

I wonder if I'll ever find my way?

I wonder if my life could really change at all?

All this earth,

Could all that is lost ever be found?

Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust.

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us.

All around Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos, life is being found in You.

You make me new, You are making me new

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:12-13

Matthew 6:1-4, 16-21

RENDING AND REMEMBERING

REMEMBERING THE CROSS

1st Tracing: **God, you made me and love me.**

2nd Tracing: **Remind me that I don't have to be better for you to love me.**

3rd Tracing: **Help me trust that you give me all I need to be who you call me to be. Amen.**

CLOSING AND LEAVING