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Ash Wednesday

Crossroads United Methodist Church

February 17, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Call to Worship

Ash Wednesday Unison Prayer

Merciful God, we have lived a year of Lent.
In the midst of it all we have, at times,
seen love shine through but as we look back in this moment,
it feels like a year of shattered dreams and shattered peace.
Even though so much feels out of our control,
we also see the ways our own faults and failures to love each other fully,
to care for the least, to honor your creation,
to stand for what is right and good, have contributed to the shattering.
As we walk along the shores of Uncertainty and Pain,
we ask that you meet us here.
Help us, Healer.
Show us our strength.
Forgive our inertia.
Move us to move
one step at a time toward greater care.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Time and adversity ... making something beautiful out of that which, once seen as ordinary and broken, is now considered a transformed and precious piece. This is the journey we undertake. Jesus attended to those considered ordinary, broken, even those deemed unworthy. No matter what, Jesus is the lover of our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Opening Song

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with these to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passion tide,
yes, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

Scripture

Romans 6:1-4 (CEB)

So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life.

Meditation

Pastor Scott Walters

A Lenten Invitation

Marking our Foreheads in the Sign of the Cross

Song for This Year's Lent

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring your hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.



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Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Blessing