

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

7:00 p.m.



WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Prelude

Words of Welcome and Invitation

Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row. First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!

Call to Worship (Based on II Corinthians 5 & 6)

Pastor Tim

Leader: So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us, we entreat you on behalf of Christ!

People: Let us be reconciled to Christ, for our sake he made him to experience sin, who knew no sin!

Leader: In him we might become the righteousness of God, so let our acceptance of his grace never be in vain!

People: Now is a day of salvation! Let the obstacles to God fall away!

Leader: May we not be isolated from God in dishonor, ill repute! May our hearts never be imposters poor in spirit.

People: May God empower us to listen and hear truthful speech, and may we be true, known as God's own, alive in the grace and mercy of God!

Song

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

PraiseWorks

Prayer (Based on Psalm 51)

Pastor Tim

**Have mercy on me O God, not by the world's standards,
but according to your steadfast love.**

**Through your abundant mercy, forgive the deliberate attempts
I made to ignore you and turn away for you.**

**Through my repentance, turn me around to face you
and be in your heart, and let you live freely in mine.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever in front of my face;
it is a barrier and burden, to everything I do,
and that I can become.**

Against you, you primarily have I sinned.

I have done what is evil in your sight, broken your heart in disappointment.

**You are justified in any sentence you would pass upon me,
and you are blameless when you pass judgement.**

**It seems as if my ways are too deeply embedded in who I am, that I might
never be rid of them.**

But you desire truth to be in my deepest, inner being.

**You seek to change the farthest reaches of my sub conscience. Therefore,
teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear your joy and gladness,
restore the bones that have been crushed.**

**Resolve all the pain that I have caused by my sins.
Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Caste
me not away from your presence,
and please don't ever take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore in me the joy of salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit,
to share your Message with all, in all I do.
In Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

***Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21* Pastor Tim

***Response to the Lesson** Pastor Tim

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

Many: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Meditation "Anticipating Renewal, Humble In Who We Are" Pastor Tim

***Song of Response** "Lord, I Give You My Heart" PraiseWorks

Invitation To The Observance Of Lenten Discipline Pastor Jim

Remembering and Experiencing The Miracle Pastor Tim

Imposition of the Ashes

***Hymn of Response** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" UMH No. 172

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed" UMH No. 359

Benediction

Offering in the rear of the sanctuary

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21*

Concerning Almsgiving

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Concerning Prayer

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Concerning Fasting

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Concerning Treasures

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust^[c] consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.