

Community Presbyterian Church

6:30 pm February 26th, 2019

Ash Wednesday

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Preaching: Travis Remme

Musician: Donna Bennett

Ushers:

Prelude (A Time of Quiet Meditation)

Call to Worship

L: People of God-listen to the trumpets call!

C: We come from near and far to kneel before the Holy One.

L: Children of God-listen to the voice of your creator!

C: We return to God with open hearts and minds ready to be transformed.

L: Believe of God-listen to the good news!

C: The Lord is merciful and kind, full of faithful love and ready to forgive.

* **Hymn** “Rock of Ages Cleft For Me” Pew insert #26

***Call to Confession**

*** Prayer of Confession unison**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a

willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Assurance Of Pardon

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Message

"Where your treasure is, your heart will follow"

Imposition of Ashes

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in people as sin in the sight of God. In sin, people claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and each other, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair and, isolation. But God's love never changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God expresses love in wrath. In the same love, God bore judgement and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all people to repentance and new life.

Hymn #77 ” Forty days and Forty Nights”

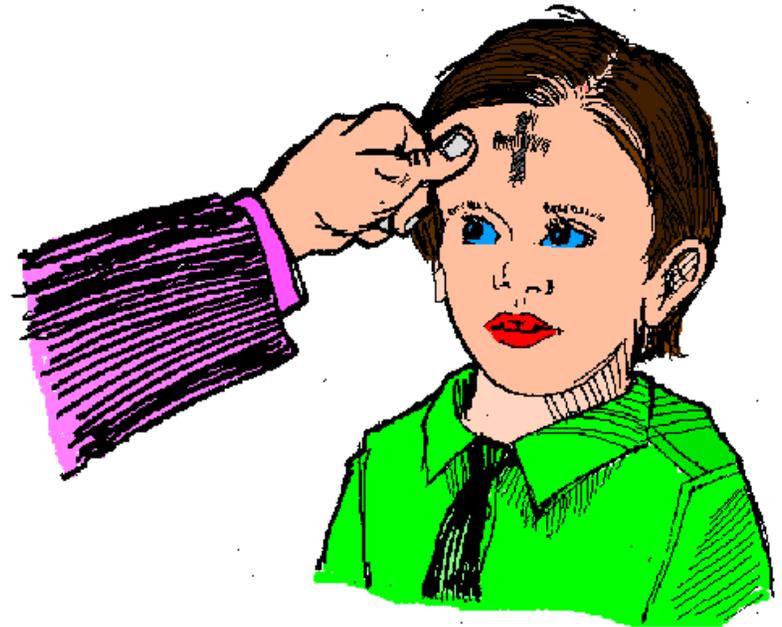
***Benediction**

***Congregational Response “Alleluia”**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

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