



Ash Wednesday Worship, March 2, 2022;  
6:30PM, North Parking Lot  
tune radios to 88.3

## Centering Music

### Call to Worship:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: God's mercy endures forever.**

### Prayer (All):

**O God, maker of everything and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Special Music – *O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy*

#### Scripture Lesson – Psalm 103

Let my whole being bless the LORD! Let everything inside me bless his holy name!

Let my whole being bless the LORD and never forget all his good deeds: how God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness, saves your life from the pit, crowns you with faithful love and compassion, and satisfies you with plenty of good things so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness; does justice for all who are oppressed.

God made his ways known to Moses; made his deeds known to the Israelites.

The LORD is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love.

God won't always play the judge; he won't be angry forever.

He doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing, because as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor him.

As far as east is from west—that's how far God has removed our sin from us.

Like a parent feels compassion for their children—that's how the LORD feels compassion for those who honor him.

Because God knows how we're made, God remembers we're just dust.

The days of a human life are like grass: they bloom like a wildflower; but when the wind blows through it, it's gone; even the ground where it stood doesn't remember it.

But the LORD's faithful love is from forever ago to forever from now for those who honor him.

And God's righteousness reaches to the grandchildren of those who keep his covenant and remember to keep his commands.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

You divine messengers, bless the LORD!

You who are mighty in power and keep his word, who obey everything he says, bless him!

All you heavenly forces, bless the LORD!

All you who serve him and do his will, bless him!  
All God's creatures, bless the LORD!  
Everywhere, throughout his kingdom, let my whole being bless the LORD!

### **Message – A Time to Remember**

#### **Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51: 1-17**

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**People: 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 only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

**Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; 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;**

Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken 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.

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not 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 death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice; were I 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.**

*UMH Psalter 785*

### **Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline**

#### **Burning of the Palms**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### **Sending Out**

#### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**