



February 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday

Order of Service

Worship Music (YouTube)

Lamb of God

Caroline Pleune and Owen Nystrom, duet
Pattie Barnes, piano

Twila Paris
arr. Lloyd Larson

Gathering Words of Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

Opening Prayer

Return to the Lord.

Leave behind all the pain.

Leave behind all the hate.

Come back to your true life again.

Return to the Lord.

Abandon your sins.

Abandon your fears.

Come back to repentance and hope.

Return to the Lord.

Discard your old ways.

Give up your old sorrows.

Cling to the hope found in Christ.

Hymn (YouTube) *I Love You Lord*

Singing led by Grace Chalberg

Scripture Reading Psalm 103

**Thanksgiving for God's Goodness
Of David.**

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live^[a]
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶ The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
¹⁴ For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.
²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.
²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Special Music (prerecorded)

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom, arr. Lloyd Larson
Grace Chalberg, Abby Davenport, Amy Binder, and Julie Spring, ensemble
Pattie Barnes, piano

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:28–30

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Sermon

“God Will Give Us Rest!”

Pastor Wes

Imposition of Ashes — Ritual Action by Marcia McFee

Hymn #488

Jesus Remember Me

Nick Loos and Kevin Zehme, duet

Blessing

Now go with confidence that, though shattered, we are held. Begin the journey of recovering your depth of love for all and your joy of living in this world. May the words of Jesus ring in your ears: “I will give you rest.” And may the Spirit hover, move, and deliver salve to your soul and a spring in your step. Amen.

– Marcia McFee

Closing Music (YouTube)

We Love You, Lord

Carly Bleau, solo

Pattie Barnes, piano

Assisting in Today’s Worship

Claude R. King, Sr., Senior Pastor

Andi Voinovich, Associate Pastor

John Smoke, Director of Christian Education

Wes Dorr, Director of Youth Ministries

Maria Penrod, Seminarian

Pattie Barnes, Special Music Coordinator and Sanctuary Organist

Dave Neve, Music Coordinator

Special Announcements

Thank you to all the musicians who have blessed our worship today!

Please rise as you are able. **Bold text indicates congregational response at home.*