



Our Worship of God

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

6:00 pm

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Ash Wednesday ~

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. It is a service for repentance and somber reflection based on the text: “you are dust and to dust you shall return” (Gen. 3:19). The use of ashes began in the tenth century to remind worshippers of their mortality as they began their Lenten journey to the cross.

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship (responsive)

For just such a time as this,
we were made.
In the image of God,
loving, grace-giving, and wise,
we are created to be the hands,
hearts, and feet of divinity.

**We gather on this Ash Wednesday,
not because we must,
not to boast nor to earn our worth,
but to start out on the trail
leading to the resurrection.**

Lenten Theme Interpretation

Carol McEntyre

†Song of Lent

Lord I Need You

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Meditation on Art

*As you look at this piece of artwork, what emotions stir in you?
What surprises you about the sketch?*

†Hymn 200

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic - tory win,
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4. And thro' these days of pen - i - tence, and thro' your Pas - sion-tide,
5. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,



teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con-quer sin.
to die to self, and so to live by your most ho - ly Word.
for - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Almighty God,

You have set before us the path

**but we have wandered on our own
to try to find our way.**

Sometimes we are like toddlers

and we hear Your call and come back.

**Other times, we are children testing boundaries,
ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.**

And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion,

demanding to be cut loose and set free,

**not knowing how much we still need
to seek Your wisdom and guidance.**

But most of all, too often we think we are adults

**and have figured it all our and know our own way,
only to stumble and stray so far.**

Remind us, parental God,

**that we are always Your children,
that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,
that we always have much to learn.**

Help us to seek You every day,

**to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,
and help us to return to the path and walk with You.**

In the name of Christ, who is our companion

on this journey of faith, we pray. **Amen.**

Special Music

O Love that Will Not Let Me God

Message

Carol McEntyre

Imposition of Ashes

Litany (responsive)

Oh God, we are reminded this day of the temporality of our lives here on the earth.

We are dust and to dust we will return.

It is by your Spirit and your power that we are given life.

You are the source of all hope and life.

We enter now a season of repentance.

That we may turn from selfishness.

We set aside some comforts

That we may turn our attention to Your holiness.

Cast now our transgressions far from us

As far as the east is from the west.

We mourn the profound disconnection from You that happened at the dawn of humankind.

Bring us back into Your presence.

We rejoice in the perfect work of Christ on earth.

Christ reconciles us to You.

Prepare our hearts, Oh God, for Resurrection life.

You bring beauty from ashes.

Prepare our hearts for the joy of Your coming.

You bring gladness from mourning.

Prepare our hearts for the fullness of Your presence.

You bring forth praise from despair. Amen.

†Song of Praise

Beautiful Things

†Practice Makes Pathways: Setting our Intentions Through Art

Worship Notes

Prayer of Confession, written by Rev Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution.
<http://rev-o-lution.org>

Lord, Who Throughout. Words: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873. Music: American Folk melody.



6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall, and Traditional Worship at 11:15 each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

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