



An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.
“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

Ash Wednesday

12 p.m./7p.m., February 17th, 2021

Gathering Music

Medley:

Forty Days and Forty Nights and Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

Words of Welcome

Leah Davis

Call to Worship

Cathy Baskin

We are invited –
Into the story,
Into this place,
Into this hour of worship.
We are invited –
Into reflection,
Into community,
Into our own spiritual journeys.
We are invited –
The broken and bruised,
The hopeful, the new,
The faithful, the doubting.
The wondering, the waiting.
We are invited –
Because God so loved;
So listen, trust the invitation, and bring your whole self.
All are invited here.

Prayer

Cathy Baskin

Lesson from the Prophets

Isaiah 58:1-12

Cathy Baskin

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: To loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Prayer of Confession

Leah Davis

Time of Reflection

Again and Again

The Many

Assurance of Pardon

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Imposition of Ashes

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Affirmation of Faith

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Benediction

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