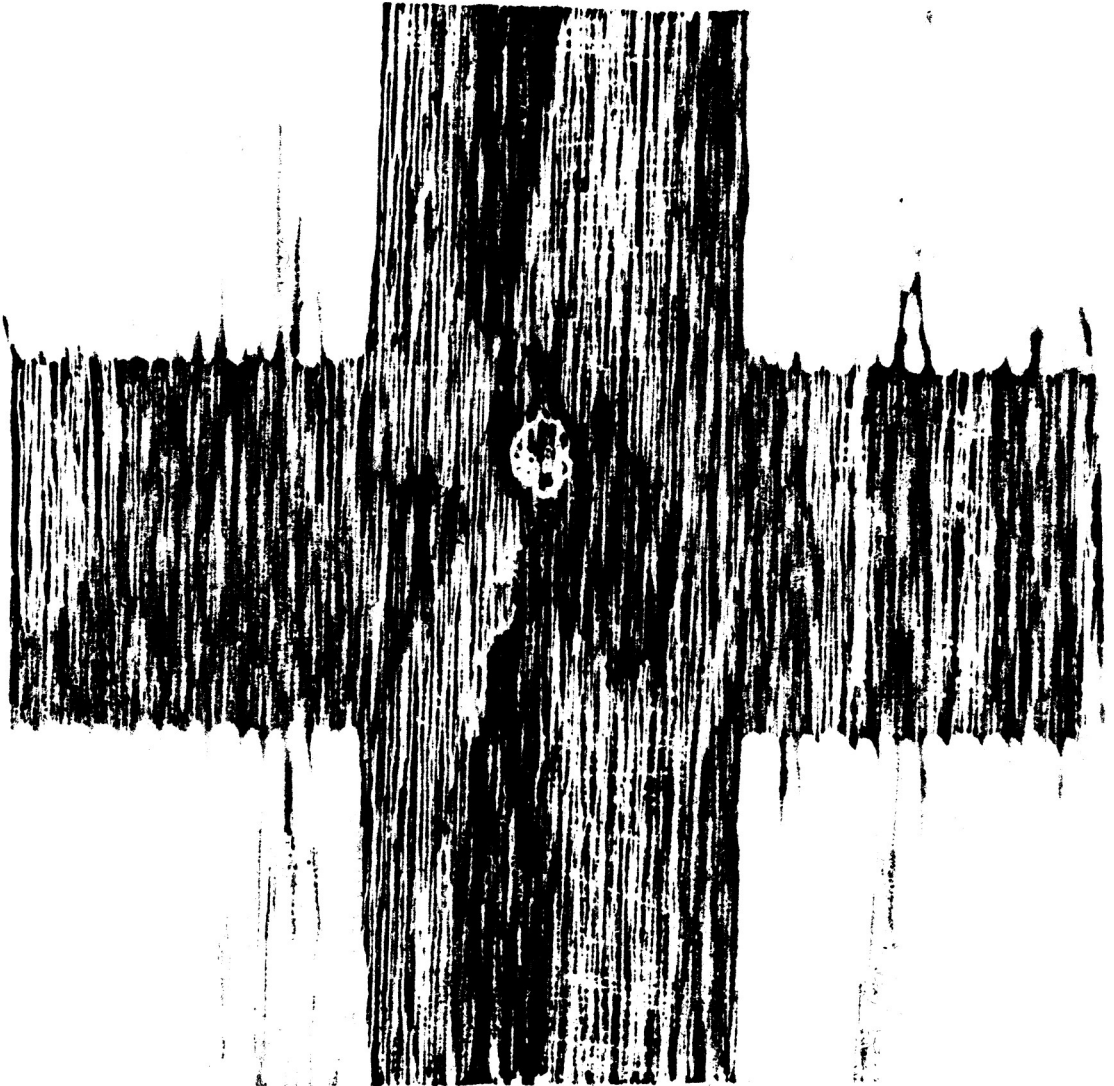


Ash Wednesday Worship



February 17, 2021



Davie Street Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Campus Ministry
West Raleigh Presbyterian Church

Let Us Worship God

Bold text to be spoken by all; ***Bold italics*** to be sung by all

Prelude

Adagio from *Toccata in C Minor*

Georg Muffat

Welcome from West Raleigh

Welcome from Davie Street

Call to Worship

The season of Lent calls us to journey along the edge,
to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

**Lent calls us to the cutting edge,
when the wheat falls to the ground
and new life comes forth.**

Lent not only calls us to give up something,
but also invites us to participate in the mystery of God-with-us.

**By your grace, call us from grief into gladness, despair into hope,
estrangement into right relations with each other and with the earth.**

Hymn 434

Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

*Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.*

*O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.*

*Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.*

*Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:1-9

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

***The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.***

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Musical Offering

Precious Lord

Terry Allebaugh, harmonica

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, you fashioned us out of dust,
breathing your Spirit into us, so we might sing your praise.
But we have denounced your gift of life in order to be our own gods,
clinging to death-dealing idols of our own making.**

We have denied our creaturely status, seeking to lord it over those we label “less-than.”
 We squelch all who are different through ignoring, belittling, murdering, and bombing.
 We believe survival-of-the-fittest lies, discounting the weak,
 and profiting by others’ pain.
 Not trusting in your providence,
 we stop our ears to cries of those in need because we’re afraid we won’t have enough.
 We have been unfaithful stewards, O Lord.
 We live in a state of sin among a people of sin.
 Save for your grace, we perish.
 Remember our making, Creator God; remember we are dust.
 Have mercy on us according to your loving kindness.
 Breathe new life into us once more,
 so we might be the people you created us to be.
 Restore unto us the joy of your salvation
 that we might do justice, love kindness,
 and walk humbly with the Lord,
 in whose name we pray.

Imposition of Ashes

*This year, instead of ashes, we invite you to use dirt to make the sign of the cross on your forehead or hand.
 Use dirt from your yard or the church yard, mixing it with just enough water or oil that it forms a dry paste.*

Musical offering during imposition

Hymn 433

Sign us with Ashes, vss. 2 , 3 & 6

PHOENIX

(all to sing refrain, soloist to sing verses)

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'All' and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff continues the melody for the third line, ending with a fermata and the tempo marking 'rife'. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God, chil - dren of
 dust, as to dust we re - turn. Sign us with ash - es,
 mer - ci - ful God. Mark us and make us your own.

*Surely, you alone uphold us. You give us strength for all our needs.
 Shielding with a father’s favor, you bless us with pardon and peace. Refrain*

*Surely, you alone can heal us. Yours is the will to make us whole.
Soothing with a mother's kindness, the contrite of heart, you console.* Refrain
*Surely, you alone redeem us. You fill our dust with holy breath.
Bursting from the grave in glory, you rise from the ashes of death!* Refrain

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

Hymn 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days, vss. 1 - 3

ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

Benediction

Postlude

Now the Day Is Over

Joseph Barnby

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Rev. Katherine C. Rick-Miller, Pastor, West Raleigh Presbyterian Church
Rev. Lori Pistor, Parish Associate, West Raleigh Presbyterian Church

Marilyn Huling & Carolyn Williams, Elders, Davie Street Presbyterian Church

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Call to Worship by Rev. Dr. Paula Lehman and Rev. Sarah Griffith
Prayer for Illumination by Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR
Prayer of Confession by PCUSA