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**2021 THEME: FEARLESS**  
**Online Service available at 7:00 PM**  
**Watch out for in-person service announcement.**



**You can use ashes, talcum powder or any other elements for the self-imposition of ashes.**

**PRE-SERVICE**

*Be Thou My Vision*

*arr. Joel Raney*

**OPENING WORDS**

On Ash Wednesday we publicly show that we want to “bring to ashes” those things in us that are not pleasing to our Lord. By accepting a cross of ashes on our foreheads, we identify ourselves as sinners who are determined to grow into better persons. We keep in mind that the goal of our determination is new life as promised by our Lord Jesus. We realize that in order to share in that new life, we must die to the old. The ashes remind us today that we are join with Jesus in His life, ministry, death and resurrection.

**PRELUDE**

*Out of the Depths*  
Soloist: Bob Druckenmiller

*David Gauthier*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 51: 1-15 The Message)**

Anne Mathews

L: Generous in love—God, give grace!

A: Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.

L: Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry.

A: I know how bad I’ve been; my sins are staring me down.

L: You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil.  
 A: You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair.  
 L: I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born.  
 A: What you're after is truth from the inside out.  
 L: Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.  
 A: Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life.  
 L: Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing.  
 A: Don't look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health.  
 L: God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.  
 A: Don't throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me.  
 L: Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails!  
 A: Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home.  
 L: Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God,  
     and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways.  
 A: Unbutton my lips, dear God; I'll let loose with your praise.

### **HYMN\* *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee***

*Jesus, the very thought of thee  
 With sweetness fills the breast  
 But sweeter far thy face to see  
 And in thy presence rest.*

*O hope of every contrite heart  
 O joy of all the meek,  
 To those who fall, how kind thou art!  
 How good to those who seek!*

*But what to those who find?  
 Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show  
 The love of Jesus, what it is  
 None but his loved ones know.*

*Jesus, our only joy be thou  
 As thou our prize wilt be  
 Jesus, be thou our glory now  
 And through eternity. Amen.*

### **OPENING PRAYER\*\***

Anne Mathews

God of the broken, we come as instruments that are scarred and marred by the vagaries of life. As we begin our journey this Lenten season, we thank you for becoming a broken God for broken people. Help us to remember that while the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, Jesus comes to give us life in abundance. Forgive us for our lack of judgement: for times in which we dabbled with sin, instead of choosing the sacred. Help us not only to recognize that we are broken, but to rejoice that we have a potter who gives us a second chance. Help us to eagerly seek your pardon and walk away from darkness into your marvelous light. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **ANTHEM**

*Create in Me*

*Michael Burkhardt*

Members of Sing and Celebrate: Betsy Miller, Amy Anderson, Linda Love

### **SCRIPTURE**

1 John 1: 5-10

Anne Mathews

### **SINGING OUR CONFESSION**

### ***Hymn\* Refiner's Fire***

*Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
And precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
Pure gold*

*Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You my Master  
Ready to do Your will*

*Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within*

### ***Hymn\* Create In Me A Clean Heart***

*Chorus  
Create in me a clean heart  
And renew a steadfast spirit in me  
Create in me a clean heart  
And renew a steadfast spirit in me*

*Cast me not from Your presence  
Or take Your Holy Spirit from me  
Restore to me the joy of salvation  
And give me a willing spirit  
Give me a willing spirit  
Give me a willing spirit O God*

## **SERMON**

Beauty out of Brokenness

Rev. Arun Andrews

### ***Hymn\* Something Beautiful, Something Good***

*Something beautiful  
Something good  
All my confusion  
He understood  
All I had to offer Him  
Was brokenness and strife  
But He made something  
Beautiful of my life*

***A time of silent personal confession and surrender.***

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

May our Almighty and merciful God, who desires not death for a sinner, but that we turn from wickedness and live, accepts your repentance, forgive your sins, and restores you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life.

### ***Hymn\* The Old Rugged Cross***

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross  
Where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Refrain:*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*O that old rugged cross  
So despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.*

*In that old rugged cross  
Stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me.*

*To that old rugged cross I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then he'll call me some day  
To my home far away  
Where his glory forever I'll share.*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Softly and Tenderly*

*Dale Wood*

### **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

You may remain in silence for a time of meditation and prayer.

### **INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE: INDIVIDUAL QUIET MOMENT**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: the early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. You are invited, therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. To make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, would you take time tonight in quiet communion and prayer with your Maker and Redeemer?

In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father

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Rev. Carl Ford Peterson, Pastor Emeritus

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