

Ash Wednesday



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 26, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Special large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available.
Please ask one of the Ushers.*

**(Stand as you are able.)*

WORDS OF WELCOME

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Be Thou But Near”

by Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God speaks – “Come back to me! Change your life...Come back to God, your God!”

All Sing: Hymn 381 Verse 1

Leader: God speaks – “Break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation, free the oppressed, cancel debts.”

All Sing: Hymn 381 Verse 2

Leader: God speaks – “ Share your food with the hungry, invite the homeless poor into your homes, put clothes on the shivering ill-clad, be present to your loved ones.”

All Sing: Hymn 381 Verse 3

*OPENING HYMN “Again We Keep This Solemn Fast” insert

*CONFESSION AND PROMISE *from Psalm 51*

Unison: Have mercy on me O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight...

Choir: For I know my transgressions and my sin before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight...

Pulpit Side: For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight...

Piano Side: For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight...

Unison: Have mercy on me O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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Choir: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

GOSPEL CHOIR “At The Cross” by Ralph E. Hudson

Receiving Ashes

Turn away from sin and receive the good news

Unison Sung: “Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my eyes – open my ears – open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!”

Pastor: That we may show forth your love in our words and actions

Unison: That we may show forth your love in our words and actions

Pastor: Dear friends and St. Peter’s Community of Faith, take up the way of Christ Jesus, take up your life, and live!

CHOIR ANTHEM “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” arr. By Lloyd Larson

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (*pew bible page 787*)

MEDITATION

A TIME OF GIVING

HYMN # 198 “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory “Interlude in B Flat Major” by Sachs

*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host; **

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(***alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen*)

A TIME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(sung)*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds *(Hymn #286 verse 1)*

A TIME OF GOING OUT

*PARTING HYMN # 382 "Be Thou My Vision"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Welcome Everyone! Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host.

The Psalmist sings: "Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise." We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend. Please fill out an attendance card: thank-you. Refreshments and visiting follow worship, downstairs, in the Hall.

WORSHIP TEAM

Interim Senior Pastor

Music Director & Organist

Worship Leader

Ushers

Pastor Arlen G. Vernava

Pam Schuster

Judy McCurdy

Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

Susan Cherry, Alan Murphy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Collection

March 22 Noisy Collections will go toward buying Easter dinners for needy families in the Amherst area. In conjunction, we will again be collecting foods to complement our collection, so we can reach even more families!

Foods needed are:

Boxed scalloped potatoes, canned green beans, mushroom soup, french fried onions, applesauce, packaged desserts like cake mix and frosting, jello, etc.

Volunteers are needed to help package the dinners on April 6 at 10 am.

Circle Six March 3, 7PM Fellowship Hall



Circle Six is extending an invitation to our March meeting as our presentation will be one of interest to many people, and all are welcome! Our presenter is Rebecca McFarland. She will be presenting "Eliot Ness: The Cleveland Years" Twenty years ago, when librarian Rebecca McFarland was working for Rocky River Public Library, one of her job duties was giving book talks.

Rebecca picked up a copy of Max Allan Collins's novel, *The Dark City*, a fictional account of Eliot Ness's arrival in Cleveland. Since reading that book, Rebecca has become an internationally recognized expert on the life and times of Eliot Ness. It all started because she wondered if even half the story Collins wrote about him was true. At the time she hadn't even known that Eliot Ness had lived and worked in Cleveland. Don't miss this opportunity!!!!

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship Committee are now handing out scholarship packets to anyone interested. The packets can be found in the church office. All scholarships must be turned in by May 15th.

Sunday Sermons

Our Sunday sermons can be found on our website stpetersamherst.org under the visitors tab.

Free Legal Advice

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will be offering free legal advice on civil matters only on the following dates. This is a first come, first served program. Please remember to bring all important papers with you. For questions you may call 216-687-1900 or visit www.lasclev.org.

Tuesday, March 10

2-3:30PM

Oberlin Depot –

Oberlin Community Services

240 South Main Street, Oberlin

Call 440-774-6579 for an appointment

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