



The Original Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Wrentham Centre, MA

March 2nd 2022, 7:00pm

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Air on the G String”

J. S. Bach

GREETING

Leader: Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross.

People: Jesus came to preach good news to the poor.

Leader: To proclaim release to the captives.

People: To offer recovery of sight to the blind.

Leader: To liberate those who are oppressed.

People: To proclaim the year of God’s favor to all.

HYMN No. 610

Sweet Hour of Prayer

INVITATION TO LENT

Leader: As disciples of Christ, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. We return to divine love through the practice of repentance, fasting, prayer, spiritual reading, and works of love and service. I invite you therefore to enter into a Holy Lent, to commit ourselves to the love of God and neighbor, and we begin by confessing our sins and asking God to help us to persevere in our Lenten disciplines.

RESPONSIVE PSALM *from Psalm 51*

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

People: In your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Leader: You desire truth in our inward being.

People: Teach us the wisdom in our secret heart.

Leader: Wash us that we shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let us hear joy and gladness again.

Leader: Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

People: Sustain us in a willing spirit.

Leader: Do not cast us away from your presence.

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you hold with love.

** All those who are able please stand*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Most holy and merciful God we confess to you.

People: We have sinned in thought, word and deed.

Leader: By what we have done and have left undone.

People: We have not loved you with all our heart, mind and strength.

Leader: We have not loved our neighbors as we ought.

People: We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God.

People: We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Leader: We confess our impatience and unfaithfulness.

People: We confess our anger, envy and self-indulgence.

Leader: We confess our love of worldly goods.

People: We confess our negligence in prayer and worship.

Leader: And we confess our disregard for the greater truth.

People: Accept our repentance for the wrongs we have done.

Leader: For turning from human need and suffering.

People: For our indifference to injustice and violence.

Leader: For our uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbors.

People: And for our waste and pollution of your Holy Creation.

Leader: Restore us O God with your Holy Spirit.

People: Receive our prayers in your great mercy. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

HYMN No. 198

Jesus, Remember Me

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

People are invited to come forward to receive ashes.

Leader: We remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

People: We shall turn away from our sins and believe in the good news.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, O God.

People: That we may show forth your glory.

Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

People: Bring us with all the saints to the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

Leader: May we go, ever turning to live in God's ways.

People: May the Holy Spirit grant us a true repentance.

Leader: May all that we do be pleasing to the Lord.

People: May will live the rest of our lives faithfully.

Leader: That at the last we come into the jubilee of the Lord,

People: Our joy and peace that shall endure forever and ever.

Leader: Let us go in the peace of God.

People: Praise be to the Lord of life.

POSTLUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Depart in peace



Welcome to the OCC. Thank you for joining us in worship on Ash Wednesday. May the Spirit lead you in Lent, from Winter to Spring, with all the gifts of the faith to guide and nurture you as we await Easter Sunday!

Daily Devotions composed by Pastor Ken for your prayerful meditations through Lent are available online at our OCC Website and paper copies are available on the information desk in the office hallway.

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