

WELCOME

THANKS FOR JOINING US!

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

OUR MISSION IS INSPIRING PEOPLE TO **KNOW, GROW, GO** IN GOD'S LOVE.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

UMH 402

*1 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN MY HEART,
IN MY HEART; LORD I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN MY HEART.
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART, LORD,
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN MY HEART.*

*2 LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE LOVING IN MY HEART,
IN MY HEART; LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE LOVING IN MY HEART.
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART, LORD,
I WANT TO BE MORE LOVING IN MY HEART.*

*3 LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE HOLY IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART;
LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE HOLY IN MY HEART.
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART, LORD,
I WANT TO BE MORE HOLY IN MY HEART.*

*4 LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS IN MY HEART,
IN MY HEART; LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS IN MY HEART.
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART, LORD,
I WANT TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS IN MY HEART.*

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 51: 1-17

SERMON

ACCIDENT FORGIVENESS

REV. DR. WYBRA PRICE II

ANTHEM

MY ETERNAL KING

BY MARSHALL

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: The early Christians observed with great devotion the day 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. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, 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 mortal nature, let us bow our hearts and minds before our Creator and Redeemer.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

BOLD RESPOND IN UNISON

GIVING

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PARDON

May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept your repentance, forgive your sins, and restore you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

UMH 496

1 SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER! SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER!
THAT CALLS ME FROM A WORLD OF CARE, AND BIDS ME AT
MY FATHER'S THRONE MAKE ALL MY WANTS AND WISHES KNOWN.
IN SEASONS OF DISTRESS AND GRIEF, MY SOUL HAS OFTEN FOND RELIEF,
AND OFTEN ESCAPED THE TEMPTER'S SNARE BY THE RETURN, SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER!

2 SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER! SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER!
THE JOYS I FEEL, THE BLISS I SHARE OF THOSE WHOSE ANXIOUS SPIRITS BURN
WITH STRONG DESIRES FOR THY RETURN!
WITH SUCH I HASTEN TO THE PLACE WHERE GOD MY SAVIOR SHOWS HIS FACE,
AND GLADLY TAKE MY STATION THERE, AND WAIT FOR THEE, SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER!

3 SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER! SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER!
THY WINGS SHALL MY PETITION BEAR TO HIM WHOSE TRUTH AND FAITHFULNESS
ENGAGE THE WAITING SOUL TO BLESS. AND SINCE HE BIDS ME SEEK HIS FACE,
BELIEVE HIS WORD, AND TRUST HIS GRACE, I'LL CAST ON HIM MY EVERY CARE,
AND WAIT FOR THEE, SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER!

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GOING FORTH

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PSALM 51

*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. 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, so that you are justified
in your sentence and blameless when
you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born
guilty, a sinner when my mother
conceived me. You desire truth in the
inward being; therefore teach me
wisdom in my secret heart.*

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be
clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter
than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out
all my iniquities. Create in me a clean
heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit
within me. Do not cast me away from your
presence, and do not take your holy spirit
from me. Restore to me the joy of your
salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.*

*Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God
of my salvation, and my tongue will sing
aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my
lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were
to give a burnt offering, you would not be
pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is
a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise. Amen*