Ash Wednesday Service March 9, 2011 at 7:00pm

Prelude The Lenten Garden – James Southbridge

Taemin Han

Lenten Meditation – A. D. Burger

Call to Worship Rev. Jim Guyer

Leader: Lord, come and help us clear all the debris from our hearts

People: Come and restore us to your presence!

Leader: We have too long ignored you and wandered from your presence.

People: Bring us back to you, merciful God. Leader: When we fear and are doubtful...

People: Help us find the strength and courage of faith.

Leader: When we are lonely and afraid . . . People: Help us cling to your healing love.

Leader: Lord, we come to you this day, ready for your healing mercies.

People: Be with us, O Lord, and heal our spirits. AMEN.

*Ash Wednesday Prayer (Unison)

Rev. Tricia Jacobs

Lord, we face this Lenten journey not sure if we are ready or if it would just be easier to stay in our safety and comfort zone. Help us to take the risk of looking within and looking beyond ourselves to the joy that awaits us. Give us hearts of courage and strength for the tasks which lie ahead. Be with each one of us as we move from the winter of discouragement to the spring of hope. Cleanse our spirits and make us truly ready to be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

First Scripture Lesson Joel 2:12-17 Rev. Guyer

Our Tithes and Offerings Rev. Guyer

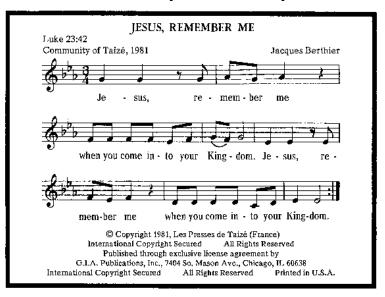
Offertory Were You There? – Gordon Young Taemin Han

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Guyer

Second Scripture Lesson Psalm 51:1-17 Rev. Jacobs

Meditation "Time for a Time Out" Rev. Jacobs

Anthem Jesus, Remember Me – Jacquest Berthier Chancel Choir with Congregation
Taemin Han-Director, Mabel Rempe-Piano
Grace Han, Katie Yarwood-Flute, Amy Greve, David Naylor-Clarinet, Ben Rempe-Cello



Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Rev. Jacobs

Litany of Penitence

Rev. Jacobs

One: From a lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind; from going along with mean and ugly things;

All: O God, deliver us.

One: From cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance that thinks we know it all;

All: O God, deliver us.

One: From artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere;

All: O God, deliver us.

One: From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor;

All: O God, deliver us.

One: From being dull, pompous, or rude; from putting down our neighbors;

All: O God, deliver us.

One: From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference;

All: O God, deliver us.

One: From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice,

(Over)

^{*}Hymn # 378 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

All: O God, deliver us.

One: From token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people; from confusing faith with good feeling, or love with wanting to be loved;

All: O God, deliver us.

One: For everything in us that may hide your light,

All: O God, light of life, forgive us.

Imposition of Ashes (Please come forward)

*Hymn #257 What Wondrous Love is This

*Benediction Rev. Jacobs

Leader: Go into this Season of Lent knowing that God forgives you and calls you to become a new

person.

People: We go in God's peace.

Leader: Go to hear stories of covenants, knowing that in Jesus Christ, God makes a new and

everlasting covenant with all people. **People: We go in God's peace.**

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Leader: Go as people with changed hearts, living your lives in response to God's never-ending love

People: We go in God's peace. Amen

Postlude The Secret Place of the Most High-William Barnett Taemin Han

Instrumental Group:

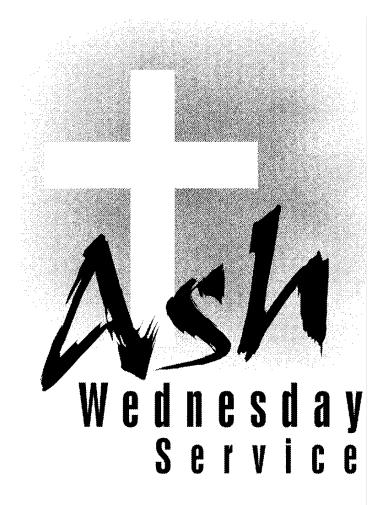
Grace Han, Katie Yarwood-Flute, Amy Greve, David Naylor -Clarinet Bruce Jacobs, Hannah Jacobs, Jocelyn Roof – Violin, Ben Rempe-Cello

Notes on Lent

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Psalm 51:17

Since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting. At first this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for Baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had been separated through sin. In course of time the Church came to recognize that, by a careful keeping of these days, all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

We as your pastors invite you, therefore, 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.



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