

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
March 2, 2022 7pm
Fourth Presbyterian Church
340 Dorchester Street South Boston

PRELUDES

(Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 25)

L: We gather this night to begin our journey.

P: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls

L: Make us know your ways.

P: Teach us your paths.

L: Guide us in your truth.

P: We wait for you all day long.

All: Redeem your people, O God, from all their troubles.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN (#415) "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

REFRAIN: I will rise and go to Jesus! He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh. REFRAIN

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. REFRAIN

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. REFRAIN

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58: 1-12

HYMN (#421, Tune is #419) "Have Mercy, God Upon My Life"
Psalm 51

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
Pour out your ever faithful love and wash away my sin.

My guilt is heavy on my mind; I know what I have done;
Against your justice I have sinned, against you, God, alone.

Now teach me wisdom in my soul; I long to see your face.
Let bones, once broken, sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice.
You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!

MEDITATION James Lewis (remote)

HYMN (#215 in hymnal) "What Wondrous Love is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, o my soul.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul.
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on

THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Invitation & Silent Reflection

Sung Response (#442)

*Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Litany of Penitence

Unison Prayer:

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People's Response to particular prayers of confession:

Have mercy on us, O God.

Imposition of Ashes (after receiving ashes, please gather at table)

Closing Words

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

People: THAT WE MAY SHOW FORTH YOUR GLORY
IN THE WORLD.

Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

People: BRING US WITH ALL YOUR SAINTS
TO THE JOY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

HYMN

"Wherever I May Wander"

1. Wherever I may wander,
Wherever I may be,
I'm certain of my Maker's love;
God's care is over me.
God made the great high mountains,
And made the wide blue sea;
God made the sky where airplanes fly;
God made the world, and me.
2. Throughout the whole creation
I see God's loving care

For everyone in every land,
God's children everywhere.
Wherever I may wander,
Wherever I may be,
I'm certain of my Maker's love;
God's care is over me.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW: Evening Prayer continues at Fourth Church -- every night, Monday thru Saturday , 6pm-6:30.

Fourth Church Lenten devotion books are available today (suggested donation is \$3-4 ...). The Bible reflections are written by the members of our community.

Wednesday Study Group -- starts NEXT WEDNESDAY, March 9:

“Life-changing Stories and the Steps of Faith”

This weekly gathering will explore the 12 Steps of Recovery and the Christian Walk. ALL WELCOME! We mean it, everybody!

Passion Play & Choir Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:35

(Tonight's rehearsal is 8:15pm)

Lenten Sunday School class-- “Reflections on Exile.” Rebecca Tweedie leads this group every Sunday morning at 9:30am. Zoom gathering (and you are welcome to join it via Zoom at church so you can easily attend worship in person if you like).

Lenten Book Club- Tuesdays, 6:40-7:30 (after nightly prayer service). REFUGE by Terry Tempest William. You can join Diane Devore at the church or join by Zoom.

THIS SUNDAY -- March 6

The First Sunday of Lent
Worship begins with Music at 10:30am

Our theme for this year's Lent:
“My Ancestor was a Wandering Aramean”