

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 | 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Ash Wednesday



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Man, Bewail thy Grievous Sin

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be God, who creates out of nothing,

All: Who shapes beauty out of chaos, breathes life into dust!

One: Who delights in designing difference, embodying in each human the image of our Maker.

All: Who, in Jesus, is truly flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone

One: Vulnerable to pain, rumor, and conflict, open to question, committed to heal,

All: Sentenced to death, destined for resurrection, vindicating the power and the love of God.

† HYMN 167

Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TEIFE RUFTE ICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist cries out,

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

Let us come now before the Gracious One and confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of us all,

Teach us, that we may know our weaknesses, the shortcomings that bind us

The unloving ways that separate us,

that keep us from recognizing your life within us.

Forgive all that binds us in fear, that we might radiate love.

Cleanse us, that your light might shine in and through us.

Look not on our past mistakes but on the aspirations of our hearts.

Deliver us from the addictions of society, O Healer of souls,

Keep us from temptation that we may tell of your justice and mercy.

Create in us clean hearts, and renew loving and right spirits within us.

~ Adapted from Psalm 51 from *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill

Silent Prayer of Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: According to the Lord's abundant mercy,
there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance,
and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:5-12 (*p. 688 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision Bob Chilcott
 Misoon Ghim, mezzo-soprano

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (*pg. 5 in pew Bible*) Leigh DeVries

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION *Getting it Right*

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT Agnes W. Norfleet

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*All who wish are invited to come forward
to receive the sign of the cross made with ashes on the forehead or hand.*

SOLO O God of Mercy Simon Lole
 Misoon Ghim, mezzo-soprano

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Agnes W. Norfleet

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 435	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	IN BABILONE
† BLESSING		Leigh DeVries
POSTLUDE	O Christ, Lamb of God	J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

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