



ASH WEDNESDAY

6 p.m., February 22, 2023
Shelby Presbyterian Church

Intergenerational Service
Featuring the Imposition of Ashes
& Godly Play for Children

*Please Rise as You are Able

PRELUDE: "Just As I Am" (Wood)

Emily Monroe

GREETING AND INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Drew Mangione, Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 51:10-13)

Marie Jackson

Leader: Create in me a new heart, O God.

All: Put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast away my presence.

All: Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

All: Sustain in me a willing spirit.

*OPENING HYMN #450: "Be Thou My Vision"

CALL TO CONFESSION: To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward the Lord who pursues us with love and tasks us to pursue reconciliation with the love we've received. Let us then turn to the love of Christ once more and confess those times we have not reflected this love toward others.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God our Father, you are the source of all love. Jesus our Brother, you pursue us with your love. Holy Spirit our Comforter, you pour your love in our hearts. Triune God, we confess that we squander your love. We doubt your love. We do not share your love. As we embark on the journey of lent, help us to remember that we were not made to meet worldly expectations and maintain appearances. Instead, you made us to reflect your image, by accepting and sharing your self-giving love. Amen.** (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE: Sisters and Brothers, believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI (sung): **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN:

Mallory Brown

FIRST READING:

Genesis 3:17-19

Marie Jackson

SECOND READING:

Matthew 6:1-6

Drew Mangione

SERMON:

"Earthlings, Actors, and Superpowers"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #434: "Restore in Us O God"

INVITATION AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES:

You are invited to come forward for the imposition of ashes as a sign of repentance. As the sign of the cross is marked on your forehead, these words are spoken:

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

You may respond: **"In life and in death I belong to the Lord"** or **"Amen"**

(The choir and musicians will receive ashes first and return to the chancel.

Once they have come through, you are invited to come for ashes during the anthem.)

ANTHEM:

"Dust and Ashes" (Haas/Wren)

Chancel Choir

CLOSING PRAYER (in unison): **Gracious Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in you we have life. In you, we have freedom. In you, we are loved. By these ashes we humble ourselves before you, aware of our mortality, and our need to turn to you for new life. Make us Holy as you are Holy, set apart by your love in order to love others and reconcile all things in you. Empower us with your Spirit to take up our cross and share in your work in this world, rising with you in glory. Amen.**

*PEACE OF CHRIST: Marked with a sign of repentance, we are siblings in the family of God. Let us, as one body, share a sign of the peace and affirm the love of Jesus by expressing love for one another.

*CLOSING HYMN #188: "Jesus Loves Me"

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

Drew Mangione

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE: "Be Thou My Vision" (Callahan)

Emily Monroe

Thank you for participating in tonight's worship service.

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a special publication for Shelby Presbyterian Church with prompts for each week.**

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