

# College Hill

## Presbyterian Church

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

7:30 p.m.

### Invitation to Prepare

**PRELUDE** Orgelstykker #4–Hans Corfitz Albjerg (1914-1990)

### OPENING SENTENCES

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart.

**Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord Your God,**

For God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

**God relents from sending calamity.**

Come, let us worship our God.

### \*OPENING PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-12

(p.688, OT)

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

(p.5, NT)

### MEDITATION

**HYMN #436** “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” (O Quanta Qualia)

### INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 51

**ANTHEM** “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”--Carl. F. Mueller (1892-1982)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence;  
And take not thy holy spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;  
And uphold me with thy free spirit.*

*Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;*

*And sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, o God.*

## **LITANY OF PENITENCE**

Let us pray:

**Holy and merciful God, we confess to you, 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.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

**Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

\***HYMN #435** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (In Babylone)

\***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** 2. Ruhig bewegt from *Sonata II for Organ*—Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

\*Please rise, in body or spirit

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| Music Assistant | Mr. Ben Sanchez             |
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for remember  
just you are, and  
to just you shall  
return.  
Genesis 3:19 †