

Prayer of Communion

Distribution of Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Even as we come to the table tonight remembering our frailty with the dust on our heads, we also give God our thanks for this meal. We give our gratitude that we have come together as one Body of Christ. In these next 40 days and as we walk the road to the crucifixion, continue to keep us awake to the ways we can bring Jesus the Christ's servant-leadership to our world. Amen.

Marking with Ashes—We remember that we are God's beloved dust and to God's beloved dust we will return.

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 819 *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA

Words to Leave By - Benediction

Postlude *Ah, Holy Jesus* Heerman/Cruger

Ushers: Gale & Peter Seidler

Westhampton Presbyterian Church

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Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.



ASH WEDNESDAY

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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Faithfully Friendly For All – Always
Welcome . Include . Involve*

PREPARATION

Silent Meditation *Genesis 2:7*

...then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

Opening Music *The Wonderful Cross*

Arr. Chris Tomlin/J.D. Watt

Call to Worship

One: We despise our fragility.

All: God is our hope in life and in death.

One: We are terrified by shapeless threat.

All: In Christ we are held, in life and in death.

One: God chooses redemption and releases the bonds of fear.

Hymn 166 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Holy God, how quickly we defend ourselves. Our minds are full of excuses, justification, and denial. The sense of threat distances us from one another and hardens our hearts. **Humble us. Hold us. Heal us. Forgive us, O God, our creator and sustainer. Our hope and restoration depend on you alone.** (Time of Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem *Lamb of God* Paris/Larson

Soloist: Jessica Howard

Responsive Psalm (Adapted from Psalm 51)

Leader: Have mercy, tender God, forget that I defiled you. Wash away my sin, cleanse me from my guilt.

People: I know my evil well, it stares me in the face, evil done to you alone before your very eyes.

Leader: How right your condemnation! Your verdict is clearly just. You see me for what I am; frail, a sinner.

People: **You choose those centered in truth; teach me your hidden wisdom. Wash me with fresh water, wash me bright and clean.**

Leader: Fill me with happy songs! Let the bones you bruised now dance, shut your eyes to my sin, make my guilt disappear.

People: **Creator, reshape my heart. God, steady my spirit. Do not cast me aside stripped of your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Save me, bring back my joy. Support me, strengthen my will, then I will teach your way and sinners will turn to you.

People: **Help me stop my tears and I will sing your goodness. Lord, give me words and I will shout your praise.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

One: Come, as we embark on the dawn of this new season.

Come, as we reflect upon the dusk of our lives.

Come, as we set aside our distractions and the concerns of our minds. Come, as we focus on the heart of the matter.

God of light and dust be with you,

All: and also with you.

One: Open wide our hearts:

All: We open them up to our God.

One: Let us give thanks to God our creator.

All: Even in the midst of the wilderness, we give God our praise.