



The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



February 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday

Online Service only due to Covid 19 Pandemic

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, From Psalm 51)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

HYMN

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, together we confess our sins. We desire to lead, but our eyes are closed. We desire peace, but we hold grudges. We

desire righteousness, but we define that to our benefit. Forgive us we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58: 1-12

ANTHEM

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

This is the Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our mortality, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life. Amen.

People: We remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return.

(Apply mark)

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

People: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross of passion of our Savior,

People: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being – spirit, soul, and body – free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

God in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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