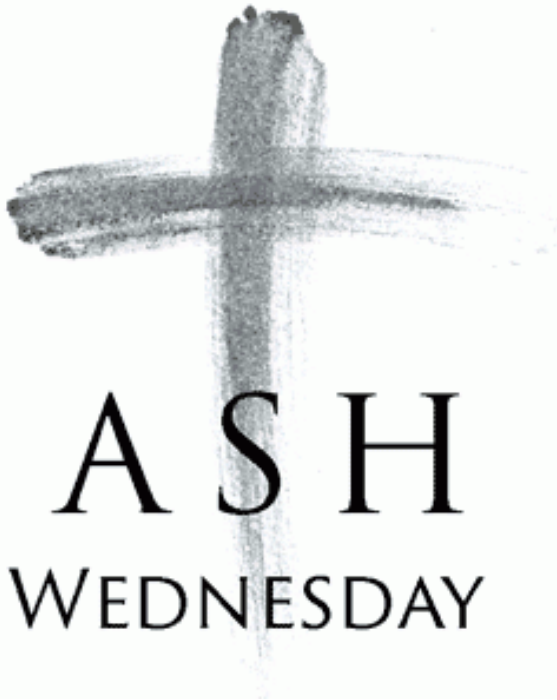


# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

6:30pm

Pastor: Rev. Michael (Mike) Krewson  
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Council President: Sandy Stevenson  
Youth Director: Andrea Tukin

Music Director: Mike Orzel

\*indicates that you may rise as comfortably able  
(text in bold read in unison)

## Ash Wednesday

### Gathering Music

### Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

#### \* Call to Worship (Responsively)

We come in faith and trust, O God, acknowledging you as our source and pattern.

**We come knowing, O God, that you are our security and peace.**

In hope and expectation, we see that you are our Guide and Advisor.

**We come, God of compassion, to ask that through your generous grace, you will bless us.**

In the confident assurance of God's protective love and mercy towards all, we claim the joy that God gives.

#### \* Opening Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This" # 200

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear he dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down beneath god's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

\* Centering Prayer (Everyone)

**Holy One, Merciful God, make yourself known to us. Be present with us in this often troubled journey of life. Create in us hearts that are open to transformation. Give us the patience of practice in this Lent season—ordering our days with time enough for you. Amen.**

Scripture: Mark 3:1-6

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward."

Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Sermon: "Learning the Reason for Religion"

Pastor Mike Krewson

Prayer Time:

Wordless Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering:

Offertory

\* Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host:**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer Dedicating our gifts (Everyone)

**Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us. As we consider our fleeting former trophies as a heap of ashes - make us aware of each blessing from you - and create in us the constant humility you desire. Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes:

You are invited, if you would like, to come forward by the center aisle for the Pastor to administer the sign of ashes.

If you would like the sign on the back of your hand, simply put forward your hand. Otherwise, ashes will be applied to your forehead. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

\* Closing Hymn: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" # 202

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

What thou, O Christ, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor, and keep me in thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
O, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

\* Benediction - \* Postlude