

ASH WEDNESDAY

26 February 2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church Hendersonville, North Carolina

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This day

All: is the start of something new.

One: This day

All: marks the beginning of a season.

One: This day

All: reminds us who we are.

One: This day

All: reminds us who we long to be.

One: So on this day,

All: let us worship God.

* H Y M N 4 3 2 — "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,

You breathed life into dust.

You dreamed me up and brought me into existence.

The least I could do would be to follow you, but even that is hard.

Forgive me for my distracted ways.

Remind me that in life and in death, I belong to you.

On my best days and on my worst days, I belong to you.

Amen.

THE GOSPEL — Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

* H Y M N 1 6 7 — "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

MEDITATION ON WILDERNESS

Dwight Christenbury

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

*IMPOSITION OF ASHES

You are invited, but not required, to come forward to receive on your forehead the sign of ashes, which symbolizes and reminds us not only of our mortality but also of our ultimate dependence upon God, our faithful Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

(If you wish to receive the imposition of ashes but would prefer not to come forward, one of the ministers will bring the ashes to you.)

* HYMN 165 — "The Glory of These Forty Days"

PSALM OF PENITENCE — Psalm 51.1-17

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DEPART IN SILENCE

* — You are invited to stand, in body or spirit.

We thank our gifted musicians: Katie Cilluffo, soloist; Franklin Keel, cello; and Stephen Klein, piano and organ.

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