

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
**who redeems your life from the Pit,
and crowns you with kindness,**
who satisfies you with good things,
so that you are renewed.

**The Lord works righteousness
and justice for the oppressed.**

The Lord is gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

**He does not treat us as our sins deserve,
or repay our sins.**

As high as the heavens are above us,
so great is his love for us.

**As far as the east is from the west,
he has removed our sins from us.**

As a father has compassion on his children,

**God has compassion on us.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

Departing in Silence

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days,
excluding Sundays, through Easter Saturday. The United
Methodist Church notes in our official ritual for this day,
“we confront our mortality and confess our sin before God
within the community of faith.” Traditional Lenten practices
include prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

*“Remember you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”*

Worship Service for Ash Wednesday



Burkhead United Methodist Church
6:30 pm, March 2, 2022

Gathering in Silence

Meditation *Aelfric of Eynsham (c. 955 - c. 1010)*

Call to Worship and Invocation

Responsive Litany (from **Joel 2:1-2, 12-14** and **Psalm 70**)

The word of the Lord
that came to Joel.

Hear this
all who live in the land.

Put on sackcloth
mourn and cry.

Wear it all night
for we are neglecting God.

Declare a holy fast
call a sacred assembly.

Gather the community
and cry out to God.

Make haste, O God
and deliver me.

O Lord,
make haste to help me.

Hymn of Preparation

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*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.*

Prayers of Confession

**Lord, we confess our sins before you.
We confess that we have fallen short
of your glory and your intent for our lives.
Open our eyes that we may see ourselves
with clarity and truthfulness,
that we may have eyes to see
all of that within us that is not pleasing to you.**

(silent prayers)

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no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.*

**Lord, we confess to you
that we have not loved as we ought.
We have been impatient with others
with whom we could have been patient.
We have disregarded those
you have called us to serve.
We have chosen the selfish way
when you have called us to selflessness.**

(silent prayers)

*I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.*

**Lord, we confess that we have not tended
to the care of our souls.
We have been too busy to pray.
We have been too quick to speak
and too slow to listen for you.
We have filled our lives with all kinds of noise
instead of patiently waiting like sheep
for our shepherd's voice.**

(silent prayers)

*I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.*

**Lord, we confess our need of you.
We need your grace.
We need your patience.
We need your guidance.
We cannot see beyond the moment.
We cannot worship you as we ought.
As we begin this solemn journey
toward the cross,
we call upon your mercy and your love
for our salvation.**

(silent prayers)

*I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.*

Scripture Reading **Psalm 51:1-17**

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Offering and Receiving Ashes

Responsive Reading **Psalm 103**

Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being.
**Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—**