

**Order of Worship**  
February 22nd 2023 ~ Ash Wednesday

**Hymn**

*What Wondrous Love Is This (Wondrous Love)*

**Verse 1**

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 the dreadful curse for my  
soul

**Verse 2**

When I was sinking down  
Sinking down sinking down

When I was 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

**Verse 3**

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

**Verse 4**

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 thro' eternity I'll sing on

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**Opening Prayer**

*Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of mercy, perfect forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

**Readings**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-2

**Reflection**

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

**Imposition of Ashes**

## Psalm 51

1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
2 Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.  
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.  
5 Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.  
6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.  
7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
9 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.  
13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
so that sinners will turn back to you.  
14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O  
God,  
you who are God my Savior,  
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.  
15 Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would  
bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.  
17 My sacrifice, O God, is [b] a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.  
18 May it please you to prosper Zion,  
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.  
19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the  
righteous,  
in burnt offerings offered whole;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

## Litany of Penitence

*Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word and deed; by what we have done, and what we have left undone.*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.  
*Have mercy on us.*

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.  
*Have mercy on us.*

We confess to you Lord, all our past unfaithfulness” the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.  
*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,  
*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our anger at our own frustrations, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,  
*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
*We confess to you, Lord.*

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,  
*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

Restore us, Good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;  
*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation.  
*That we may show forth your glory in the world.*

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord.  
*Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.*

## Communion

### Hymn

*Create In Me A Clean Heart*

#### Chorus

Create in me a clean heart O Lord  
my God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart O Lord  
my God  
And renew a right spirit within me

#### Verse

Cast me not away from Thy  
presence O Lord  
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me

Restore to me the joy of Thy  
salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me

#### Chorus

Create in me a clean heart O Lord  
my God  
And renew a right spirit within me

#### Bridge

Lord renew my spirit and restore my  
soul

#### Verse

Cast me not away from Thy  
presence O Lord  
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore to me the joy of Thy  
salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me

#### Chorus

Create in me a clean heart O Lord  
my God  
And renew a right spirit within me,  
within me.

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