

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: Accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: For our waste and pollution of Your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People: Accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: Restore us, O God, and let Your anger depart from us. Favorably hear us, O God, for Your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

All: Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by Your grace are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

***HYMN #303**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

(Please leave quietly so others may continue their reflection.)

A S H WEDNESDAY



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FROM DUST WE HAVE COME, AND TO DUST WE WILL RETURN.

INTRODUCTION

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rev. John D'Elia

Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

People: God's love endures forever.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with the shaking.

People: God's love endures forever.

PRAYER

Holy God, treasure of faithful hearts, through Jesus Christ you taught us how to pray, to give, to serve, to live. Reshape, restore, and renew us by the hidden power of Your Spirit, so that we may receive the way of life that is the true reward of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

HYMN #356

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:1-2;12-17

MEDITATION

Psalm 51

Rev. John D'Elia

ANTHEM

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Kenneth Hand and
Sarah Jane Scott

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Leader: Let us pray.

People: 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 by what we have left undone.

Leader: We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not listened 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.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We confess to You, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

People: We confess to You, O God.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

People: We confess to You, O God.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: We confess to You, O God.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: We confess to You, O God.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: We confess to You, O God.

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: Accept our repentance, O God.