

ASH WEDNESDAY



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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6:30pm Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

ASH WEDNESDAY: Beginning in the 7th century, Christians started marking the 40-day journey of Lent with ashes burned from last year's Palm Sunday palms. The ashes symbolize mourning and repentance, and they remind us of our mortality that is overcome only by reconciliation with God. As such, the season of Lent is a time of prayer, repentance, fasting, and other means of earnestly seeking for a deeper, personal relationship with God.

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

“BUSY BAGS”: Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering basket during communion.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: “gladurhere!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: Judgement is primarily seen as a negative, and for good reason. It has been used to tear people down, to push people out, to instill fear and shame, and in other ways to tell people they are unworthy, unloved, and unfit. And yet, judgement isn't all bad. It's actually needed for us to know if we are headed in a wrong direction. The question is if the judgement is for our diminishment or our redemption. If it is meant to tear us down or to help build us back up. As we enter the season of Lent, how do you need God's judgement for the sake of healing within your life?

Opening Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: "Here, O My Lord" penitentiary tune by Dearle, arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Pastor: We are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

People: God is a Spirit; and those who worship God
must worship in spirit and in truth.

Pastor: We worship with contrite hearts and broken spirits,
calling upon the One who raises us and all creation to life.

All: Come Lord Jesus, in this time of worship,
let us be found in your hands.

Hold us and center us. Mold us and shape us.
Form us in the fullness of your care,
as we open now our lives to you. Amen.

Processional Hymn: “Savior, When in Tears and Dust” (p. #185)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession (Joel 2:1b-2a, 12-16a)

(Please be seated)

Corporate Confessional (Isaiah 64: 1-2, 4-9 adapted)

Pastor: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence –

People: As when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil –

Pastor: From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,

People: Who works for those who wait for him.

Pastor: You meet those who gladly do right,

People: Those who remember you in your ways.

Pastor: But you were angry, and we sinned;

People: Because you hid yourself, we transgressed.

Pastor: We have all become like one who is unclean,

People: And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

Pastor: We all fade like a leaf,

People: And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Pastor: There is no one who calls on your name,

People: Or attempts to take hold of you;

Pastor: For you have hidden your face from us,

People: And have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Pastor: Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;

People: We are the clay, and you are our potter;

Pastor: We are all the work of your hand.

**People: Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember our iniquity forever.**

Pastor: Upon you and you alone we wait.

People: For we are your people.

Kyrie

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. (sung)

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us. (sung)

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. (sung)

Imposition of Ashes

(Come forward by the center aisle to receive ashes and then a clay pot to be blessed. To receive ashes on your forehead, leave your hands at your side. To receive ashes on your hand, hold your hand in front of you, palm down. Return to your seat by the side aisle.)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Assurance of Grace (Isaiah 40:28)

Pastor: ...We are saved by grace. We are redeemed in love.

**People: Blessed be the name of God,
and all who wait in faith of God's salvation.**

All: Amen!

Confession Response: "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days"

Lord Jesus, who through forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Prayer of Illumination

All: O God, you are the potter, we are the clay.

**By the grace of your Spirit, let us be formed by you,
in the proclaiming and hearing of your Word.**

Center us now in the fullness of your will and your way. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-14 (p. #577)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is

on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Evening Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (p. #720)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Created for Redeeming"

Chancel Choir Anthem: "At the Table of the Lord" - Jay Althouse

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: We believe in God the Father Almighty,
the Maker of Heaven and Earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son?

People: We believe in Jesus Christ the Son,
the Savior and Redeemer of the World.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

People: We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer of all that lives.

All: O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ,
I give myself to you as your own,
to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Great Communion Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...and all the heavenly hosts who sing your praise:

Seraphic Hymn (Sung in Unison)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: ...and the cup of blessing which we bless
be the communion of the blood of Christ.

All: **Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
together with the sacrifice of ourselves to your holy service.**

Agnus Dei

Pastor: O Christ, thou lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People: Have mercy upon us.

Pastor: O Christ, thou lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People: Have mercy upon us.

Pastor: O Christ, thou lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People: Grant us your peace. Amen

Invitation

(Please be seated)

Giving of Offerings - Sharing of Elements

*(Place physical offerings in the basket as you come forward to receive communion.
Pew offering cards share information on electronic giving options.)*

Altar Communion by Intinction

(All who desire relationship with Christ are welcome to receive. Ushers will invite you to come forward. Proceed to farthest point of the altar rail – left or right – before stopping. You may stand or kneel along the altar rail. You will choose a piece of bread - gluten free option in the center - to dip into the chalice of red wine or white grape juice and then immediately consume. Once the blessing is shared with your group, return to your seat via the left side aisle. To have the elements brought to you, inform the usher who will guide the pastor to you once all others have come forward.)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: **Gracious God, we give you thanks
that you have fed us with the fullness of Christ's presence
and the abiding gift of your enduring love
through the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal.**

**Bless, we pray, the offerings we have shared
for the strengthening of your church
and the furtherance of your work within this community**

and throughout the world.
Guide us now, by the touch of your hand,
as we journey through these 40 days of Lent.
That we may be found all the more shaped in the form of you.
Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (p. #190)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world, as the choir leads us in the way.)

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: “Fanfare in D Major” - Robert J. Powell

(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)

Worship Information

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Tom Wentzel

Ushers: Nevin Hollinger, Mary Moll, Bruce Longenecker

Acolyte: Kate & Jackie Tremble

Readers: Krista Strohl

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Altar Guild: Shelby Brunner

Elders: *Bob Showalter (assist pastor during intinction), *Nevin Hollinger (direct worshippers)

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Savior, When in Tears and Dust

Robert Grant, 1815; alt.

1 Sav - ior, when in tears and dust, low we bow to you in trust,
 2 By your help-less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,
 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul-chral stone,

When re - pen - tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes,
 By your days of sore dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,
 By the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
 By the vault whose cold a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God:

Mind - ful how you suf - fered pain that God's love in us might reign—
 By the dread mys - te - rious hour of the in - insult - ing tempt-er's power:
 By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac - ri - fice:
 O from earth to realms of light, Christ re - stored in power and might,

Help us claim what we would be, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.
 Turn, O turn a fa - voring eye, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.
 Lis - ten to our hum - ble cry, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.
 Lis - ten, lis - ten to the cry of our sol - emn lit - a - ny.

Robert Grant—English lawyer, member of Parliament, advocate general, humanitarian, and author of a number of significant hymns—was born in India. He returned near the end of his life to become governor of Bombay.

Tune: SPANISH HYMN 7.7.7.7.D.
 Traditional melody
 Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824

Isa. 32:2; Gal. 6:14

Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; alt.

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus with - in my mind I see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of Christ's face;

A home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my griev - ing heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess -
 Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of Christ's glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Elizabeth Clephane was known during her short lifetime for her charitable work in her hometown of Melrose, Scotland. After her death, this hymn was compiled from several stanzas of a longer poem that had appeared in a popular Scottish religious magazine.

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.
 Frederick C. Maker, 1881