

Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024



*Sermon:
Give with
Humility and Love*

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me."*

PSALM 51:10

Hearing assistance available: FM receivers & earpieces are stored near the AV room. See sound technician with questions.

Coffee House Worship: in education wing foyer. Enjoy a more casual environment while worship is livestreamed from the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*William Bradbury
Arr. Karl Wienand*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBA

John B. Dykes
Arr. Ray Pool

Cecilia Ilg-McKay, harpist

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 151*

One: People of God, set aside busyness of mind and body.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

One: Let us gather in worship with heads unbowed with shame.

All: God, put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Children of God, receive grace from above.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and my mouth will declare your praise!

*HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights

No. 167

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

OPENING PRAYER *Joel 2, Matthew 6*

All: We give thanks, Eternal One, that we do not walk through life's deserts alone. You are ever with us, especially in our loneliest valleys. You bless us with friends who share this path, those who wear with us a cross of ashes to remind us that we are only human. Quiet the rushing thoughts of our minds. In this season, may we do less, so that you may do more. Receive our songs, our confessions, and our devotions, until we rise anew with Jesus, alive forevermore. Amen.

FIRST READING

[Psalm 51:1-17](#)

ANTHEM

*I Need Thee Every Hour*Robert Lowry
Arr. Jill Justice

GOSPEL READING

[Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21](#)

SERMON

"Give with Humility and Love"

Pastor Rick Stein

*HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

No. 169

REST

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

IMPOSITION MUSIC

Ashes

Tom Conry

Cecilia Ilg-McKay, harpist / Rick Fortney, vocal

***HYMN**

Wondrous Love is This
WONDROUS LOVE

No. 215

BENEDICTION

One: Each week we remind ourselves

All: to go out into the world. Return no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, and honor every person. Every person. And rejoice in the Lord always.

One: And now may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with each of you, all your loved ones, and all your concerns, now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick