

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
7:00 p.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eden United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation.

We believe that all people are children of God;

that persons of all ages, races and sexual orientations are part of our increasingly diverse culture.

We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of this church.

Children's bulletins are available upon request from the ushers.

Thank you for muting your cell phone, pager, and PDA during worship.

Thank you for bringing no food or beverages in the Sanctuary

other than sacramental elements and bottled water.

PRELUDE

Intrada

Grapuner

THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

WELCOME

Rev. Pepper Swanson

INTROIT

Introit for Ash Wednesday

Your mer-cy em-brac-es all cre-a-tion.

You re-ject noth-ing you have made.

You o-ver-look our sins as you lead us to re-pen-tance.

Grant us par-don for you are God.

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CALL TO WORSHIP *(in unison)*

Rev. Marvin Wiser

L: Relent: to abandon an one's harsh treatment of others

R: Reflect: to think deeply and carefully about one's life and values

L: Repent: to turn toward God and God's better way

R: Reconcile: to restore relationship and co-exist in harmony once again

L: Reflect, Repent, Reconcile, *Repeat.*

R: Reflect, Repent, Reconcile, Re-Lent.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Marvin

Whatever God has intended for us, we aren't there yet; whomever God is calling us to be, we haven't become that yet. We are works in progress. And we get off track. Sometimes we stumble. Thank God, God is there to dust us off and set us on the path again. Trusting that, join me in our prayer of confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Pastor Marvin

Holy God, we confess to you and one another we have not loved you with all our heart, mind, and strength, nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have been too self-indulgent, too angry, too frustrated, and too envious. We have not prayed or worshipped or treated the poor as we ought. We have, in callous ways, hurt creation and neglected the beauty you have provided for our stewardship. We humbly beg your pardon and for the restoration of our faith and character in your sight. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Marvin

There is one thing that does not change: God has loved us, loves us now, and will always love us. This is the astonishing good news that transforms lives: we are a forgiven people, set free to forgive one another. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Canoeing

A.M. Cheney Beach

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10

Pastor Marvin

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons

THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE

POSTLUDE

Bourée in E minor

J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
The Rev. Marvin Wisner, Designated Term Associate
Minister, Liturgist
Omri Shimron, Pianist
Dianne Dorn & Stephanie Spencer, Greeters
Scott Swanson & Stephanie Spencer, Ushers
Dianne Dorn, Anointer

Araceli Villagomez & Estefani Villagomez Rosas,
Nursery Workers
Linda Joost & Carol Roach, Deacons
TBD, Trustees on Duty
Ralph Hardy, Sexton
Jan Bass & TBD, Counters

REFLECT, RESIST, REFUSE, RETURN...RE-LENT!

Lent is the 40-day period before Easter, which begin this Wednesday, Mar 6. We invite you to re-experience Lent at one of our progressive and inclusive services and events planned for the month of March. Whoever you are and wherever you are at on your Lenten journey, you are welcome at Eden Church.

- **Mar 10**, First Sunday in Lent, 10 am, Sanctuary, followed by Soup Potluck in Oliver Hall
- **Mar 17**, Second Sunday in Lent, 10 am, Sanctuary, followed by an Introduction to Labyrinth
- **Mar 24**, Third Sunday in Lent, 10 am, Sanctuary
- **Mar 31**, Fourth Sunday in Lent, 10 am, Sanctuary, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- **Apr 7**, Fifth Sunday in Lent, 10 am, Sanctuary, Sacrament of Holy Communion
- **Apr 14**, Palm Sunday, 10 am, Sacrament of Baptism, Reception of New Members, & Palm procession
- **Apr 18**, Maundy Thursday, 7 pm, Pioneer Chapel, Holy Communion and Tenebrae Service
- **Apr 19**, Good Friday, 6 pm, Courtyard, Guided Labyrinth Walk
- **Apr 21**, Easter Sunday, 10 am, Sanctuary; Easter Egg Hunt, Campus, 11:30 am

Soup Potluck: On **Sunday, Mar 10**, there will be a soup potluck after worship, soup being one of Eden's Lenten traditions. Please bring your soup to the Oliver Hall kitchen before worship, hot and ready to serve in a crockpot. If you'd like to borrow a crockpot, please see Pat Payne or any of the Fellowship helpers.

Mix It Up Potlucks: We had so much fun at last year's new Mix-It-Up Potlucks, we're having them again this Lent. A Mix-It-Up Potluck is an opportunity to share food and conversation with other Eden Church members, friends, and newcomers. Each potluck will have space for 6 people who have been around Eden for 5 years or longer and 6 people who have been around Eden for 5 years or fewer. Participants will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or entrée to serve 6 or so people. Drinks, paper goods, and a few good conversation starters will be provided. This year, there will be Wednesday night potlucks on **Mar 13 & 20, and Apr 3 & 10**, beginning at 7 pm and there will be Sunday potlucks on **Mar 24, 31 & Apr 7**, beginning at 12 noon. All potlucks will be in the Fireside Room. For more information and to arrange childcare, please contact Pastor Pepper.

Introduction to Labyrinth: On **Sunday, Mar 17**, after worship, there will be an introduction to our courtyard Labyrinth. History and background information will be provided as well as instructions on how to use the labyrinth to calm your mind and nurture your spirit. Alternatives to walking the labyrinth will also be provided.

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Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

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"Ex more docti mystico"

Attrib. to Gregory the Great (c. 540-604)

Transl. Peter J. Scagnelli (b. 1949); alt.

Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

To be sung freely

1 A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, a gift of faith from a - ges past, This
 2 The law and proph - ets from of old in fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told, Which
 3 More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make the words we speak, the food we take, Our
 4 Let us a - void each harm - ful way that lures the care - less mind a - stray; By
 5 We pray, O bless - ed Three - in - One, our God while end - less a - ges run, That

Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly to faith and hope and char - i - ty.
 Christ, all a - ges' Sov - ereign Guide, in these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
 sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - ery sense, learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.
 watch - ful prayer our spir - its free from schem - ing of the En - e - my.
 this, our Lent of for - ty days, may bring us growth and give you praise.

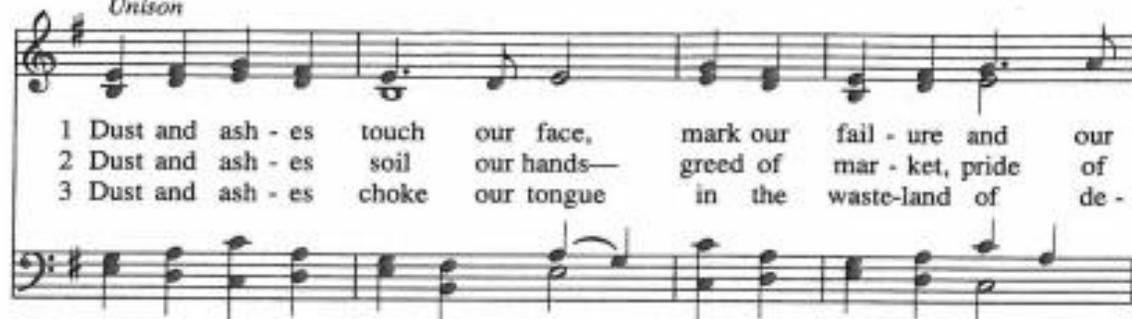
Ascribed by some to Gregory the Great, this Latin hymn, "Ex more docti mystico," has been found in several manuscripts, the earliest dating from the tenth century.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR L.M.
 Adapt. from "Jesu, dulce cordium" in
 Klug's Geistliche Lieder, 1543
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Gen. 3:17-19; Ps. 51:1-12

Brian Wren, 1989

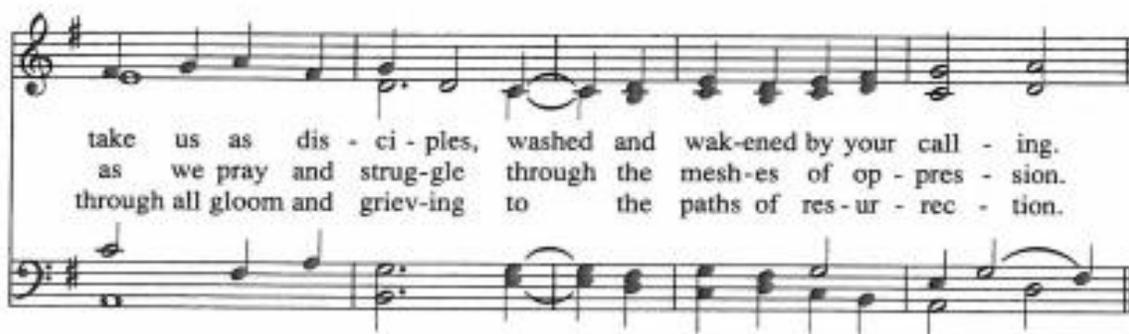
Unison



1 Dust and ash - es touch our face, mark our fail - ure and our
 2 Dust and ash - es soil our hands— greed of mar - ket, pride of
 3 Dust and ash - es choke our tongue in the waste-land of de -

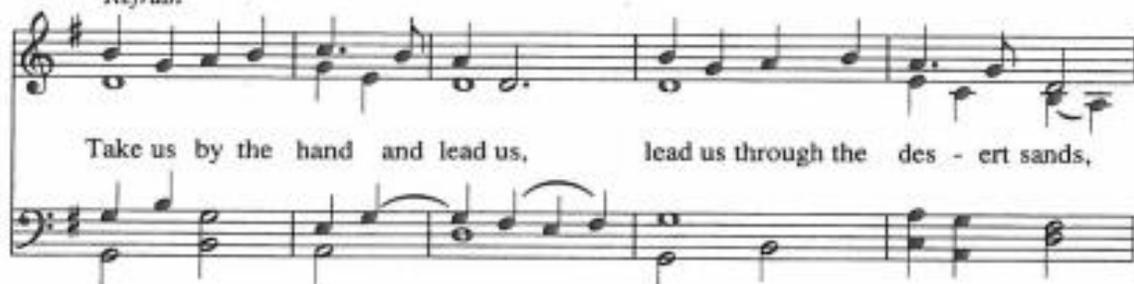


fall - ing. Ho-ly Spir-it, come, walk with us to - mor-row,
 na - tion. Ho-ly Spir-it, come, walk with us to - mor-row
 pres - sion. Ho-ly Spir-it, come, walk with us to - mor-row

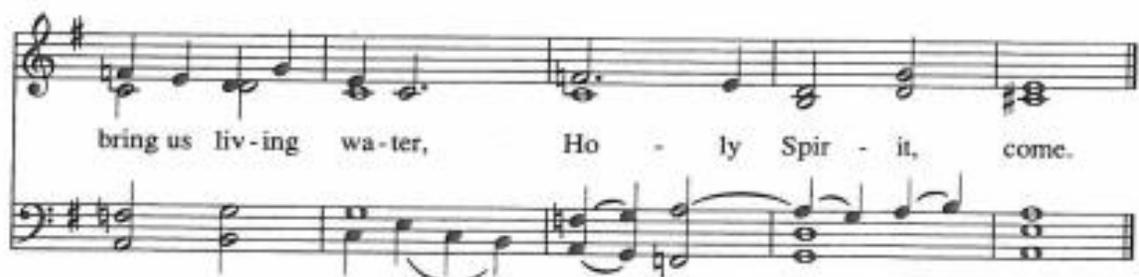


take us as dis - ci - ples, washed and wak-ened by your call - ing.
 as we pray and strug-gle through the mesh-es of op - pres - sion.
 through all gloom and griev-ing to the paths of res - ur - rec - tion.

Refrain



Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us through the des - ert sands,



bring us liv - ing wa - ter, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Ps. 51:1-12

Margaret J. Douroux, 1970; alt.

Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.

The first system of the score features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower two staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart so I may serve you."

God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: "God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you."

For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

The third system continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: "For I'm not worthy of all these blessings."

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

The fourth system concludes the piece with the final vocal and piano lines. The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you."

Margaret J. Douroux, the daughter of a Baptist minister, is known especially for this gospel song, which was recorded by singer James Cleveland. Among her other popular songs found in church hymnals is "God Is Not Dead."

Tune: DOUROUX 10.12.10.10.
Margaret J. Douroux, 1970
Arr. Albert Denis Tessier, 1987

Where Are You, God? We Long to Know

O WALY WALY 8.8.8.8 ("Though I May Speak")

Where are you, God? We long to know.
At times, our sorrows overflow.
Then others ask the question, too.
"Where is your God?" — they say of you.
We've seen the wages of our sin;
we've dreamed of things that might have been.
We've given in to hate and fear;
we've pushed away those you hold dear.
May we put feasts and games aside;
may we tear down the walls of pride.
We're sorry, Lord! We've turned from you!
So now we ask "What can we do?"
Still you are gracious, loving, kind.
We'll turn around! Now is the time!
These Lenten days, O God, may we
become your blest community.

DON'T FORGET TO FEED YOUR OGHS COIN BANK

One Great Hour of Sharing Coin Banks: On **Sunday, Mar 31**, we will make our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. OGHS is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development activities. Our offering will support programs internationally and saves lives by addressing critical issues of survival. Coin banks were distributed on Sunday, Mar 3 but can still be picked up from the Church Office. Offering envelopes will be available on Mar 31. Please give generously as part of your Lenten spiritual practice.