

# Ash Wednesday Service

Mitchellville Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

## Preparing for Worship

Prelude

The Gathering

Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly" Page# 340

## Call to Worship

Leader: Earth to earth,

**PEOPLE: ASHES TO ASHES,**

Leader: From dust we were created,

**PEOPLE: AND TO DUST WE SHALL RETURN.**

Leader: From the dust and ashes of our lives,

**PEOPLE: CREATE AGAIN, O LORD.**

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

**PEOPLE: AND RENEW YOUR FREE SPIRIT WITHIN US.**

## Invocation Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Forgiving God, on this day of ashes, we come in repentance and sorrow for all our offenses against you and others. As we dare to worship you, we seek your forgiveness that our sins may be removed, and our spirits made clean and whole. Purify us, and enable us to walk in joy and gladness once again. All of this we ask in the name of the One who came to deliver us from sin and death, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray as he taught us, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Meditation

Hymn: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" Page# 339 vs. 1

Meditation

Hymn: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" Page# 339 vs. 2

Meditation



Hymn: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" Page# 339 vs. 3

## **Meditation**

Hymn: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" Page# 339 vs. 4

Invitation to Healing

Imposition of Ashes

(All those wishing to receive the mark of the cross are invited to come forward).

## Closing Prayer (Unison)

As we enter this holy season of Lent, O Lord, we prepare to walk the way of the cross with you. Make us mindful of those for whom the valley of the shadow of death is a present reality, not just an idea. Open our eyes to see those around us who are in desperate need, whether their needs are physical, psychological, emotional, social or spiritual. Help us to find ways to meet their needs while preserving their strength and dignity. Make of us peaceful people in our homes and in our world, because of the work and word of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "It Is Well With My Soul" Page# 561

Benediction

Leader: The word:

**PEOPLE: WE HAVE HEARD.**

Leader: The grace:

**PEOPLE: WE HAVE RECEIVED.**

Leader: The call:

**PEOPLE: WE HAVE RECOGNIZED.**

Leader: The Savior:

**PEOPLE: WE WILL FOLLOW.**

Leader: The cross:

**PEOPLE: WE WILL CARRY.**

Leader: The way:

**PEOPLE: WE WILL JOIN.**

Leader: Amen.

**PEOPLE: AND AMEN.**

Postlude