
AACRC Worship Order • 6:30pm
February 14, 2024 • Ash Wednesday

Prelude

Please take a piece of sackcloth as you enter the worship space in silence.

Call to Worship

A Time of Silent Reflection

During this time, take a moment to breathe and to reflect on where you've come from. Consider one or two of these prompts as you reflect:

- Talk to the Lord about the kind of day you've had. Describe it to him.
- Talk to the Lord about how you are feeling right now.
- Ask the Lord to speak to you this evening.
- Ask the Lord to reveal more of himself to you.

You are welcome to journal in this booklet what you hear the Lord saying to you. Be patient and wait for the Lord. Don't rush to fill silence. Feel free to journal or draw your responses below.



Scripture Reading: James 4:1-10

Prayer of Confession: *Psalm 51/Stay with Me*

Wendell Kimbrough

A Time of Silent Reflection

Consider the sackcloth. Feel the rough fabric against your skin. Throughout the Bible, sackcloth was made from coarse goat hair, which was itchy and uncomfortable to wear. People would wear clothing made of sackcloth when they were really sad and upset about their sin. Sometimes our sin is obvious; sometimes, we hardly notice it. Talk to the Lord and ask God to help you see clearly your own sin. Feel free to use the space below to journal or to draw.

- Which sins in your life make you feel sad, uncomfortable, or upset?
 - Which sins in your life are you comfortable with? Which sins are you dabbling in?
 - How does your sin impact your life? How does it impact those around you?
 - What would it look like to turn away from sin, and toward Jesus?
 - What is God saying to you?
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Words of Assurance

Hymn: *Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Red Hymnal 836

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Reflection

Pastor Noah Livingston

Imposition of Ashes

During the songs, you are invited to come forward and receive the mark of the cross in ashes on your forehead as a reminder of your new life in Jesus Christ. After receiving the mark of the cross, please pick up a piece of chocolate from one of the baskets—but don't eat it!

Song: *Center*

Matt Redman & Charlie Hall

A Time of Silent Reflection: Place Your Life Before God

Take a moment to consider the gift of the chocolate. What are some of the sweet gifts and talents the Lord has placed in your life? Talk with the Lord and ask him how he is calling you to love God and others during this Lenten season. Feel free to journal or to draw in the space below.

- Is there something God is inviting you to give up for Lent?
 - Is there something God is inviting you start doing during Lent?
 - Is there something he wants you to give to him, or maybe to someone else?
 - Is there some way he wants you to serve him, or maybe to serve someone else?
 - How will you do this? Write down your plan and share it with a trusted friend.
 - If you want, you may bring your chocolate and place it on the Table as an expression of giving back to God.
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Scripture Reading: Romans 6:2b-7, 11-14

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Prayer

We Receive God's Blessing

Postlude

Pastor Noah (Worship Leader), Pastor Mike & Pastor Kristen (Liturgists)

Veena Kulkarni-Rankin (Piano)