

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our mission is to be an open-hearted, open-minded Christian
community sharing a ministry of faith, hope, and love.

Ash Wednesday February 22, 2012 7:00 P.M.

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Minister: Lent is a time to take the time to collect our thoughts
about our journey as followers of Jesus.

People: A time to remember his journey.

Minister: To recall who we are, and whose we are.

**People: We are members of the human family:
children of God; disciples of Jesus.**

Minister: Remembering who we are, let us worship God.

* **Hymn # 80** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Psalm 51: 1-17 (To be read Responsively) (p. 520)

A time for silent reflection and prayer.
"Create in me a clean heart O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me."

The Gospel Reading Luke:18: 9-14 (p. 81)

An Ash Wednesday Reflection (Rev. Dick Massaro)

Imposition of Ashes

Unison Prayer of Preparation.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.
May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence,
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift
are we given everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
Amen.

As those who wish to come forward to receive the mark of
ashes we will sing Hymn # 394 "There is a Balm in Gilead"

A Closing Prayer

**Lead us , O God, by the power of your Spirit,
to live each day as your Word instructs us:
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.
Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus until this mortal life is ended,
and all that is earthly returns to dust.
Give us the strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when, with the redeemed of all the ages,
we will feast with you at your table in glory. .
Amen**

* **The Closing Hymn # 367 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**

* **The Charge to the Community:**

Minister: God gives life. God renews life.

People: Let us celebrate the life within us, and let it overflow to enliven the world.

Minister: And may the peace of God dwell with each of us
this day and forevermore.

People: Amen

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- All those who are able, please stand where you see an asterisk*
 - **Bolded words are spoken or sung together by the people**

Minister: Dick Massaro

Pianist: Laurie Priniski
