

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

**A Brief Word About This Evening's Service**

Welcome to this evening's Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Our theme this evening is "Living More Fully." We pray this contemplative worship service enriches your Lenten journey.

Lent invites us to live more fully. The inward journey calls us to reflect deeply to point us toward living our truest and highest self. After each movement, we will invite you into a breath practice as an embodiment practice of living more fully.

Our question to explore together for this service: how is God calling me to life?

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit; \*\*Seated for reflection)

**Welcome & Invitation to Ash Wednesday**

Pastor Barton Buchanan

**Call to Life\***

"Living Water"

by Claudio Carvalha

You invite us to ask for living water, water that satisfies our thirst.

**You are that living water poured out for us.**

We confess that we seek to quench our thirst in other ways..

**We drink deeply, choosing these sweet waters that turn to fear in our bellies.**

We confess that rather than turning to you, we set out to be brave.

**Seeing the fear outside ourselves, we try to force out fear by casting out others.**

Lord help us to drink deeply of your love remembering it is perfect love that casts out fear.

**Strengthen us to practice love to ourselves, those close to us, and those we overlook. Fill us with living water until it overflows.**

**Amen**

\*\*Let us breathe life together

**Invocation\*\***

Pastor LaTrell Harrison

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**Instrumental Selection\*\***

Troy Dolendo

**First Reading for Reflection\*\***

"Nueva Comunidad"

Pastor Marcelino Rivera

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**Community Response\***

Luke 10:25-28

Pastor Barton

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus answered "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

The expert on the Law replied:

**"You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."**

Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you'll live."

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**Gospel Reading\*\***

Luke 8.43-48

Pastor Marcelino

**Native American Flute Solo\*\***

Pastor Barton

**Monologue\*\***

based on Luke 8.43-48

Pastor LaTrell

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**Pastoral Prayer\*\***

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**Musical Interlude\*\***

After the first bar of the musical interlude, the congregation is invited to the altar to receive ashes

Troy Dolendo

**Imposition of Ashes**

Pastor Barton

From the Ground of Being you were formed and to the Ground of Being you will return

\*\*\*The Imposition of Ashes concludes the service.  
You are invited to depart from the sanctuary in silence

## Notes

- *“Living Water”* is a poem from Carvalhaes, Claudio. *Liturgies from Below* (pp. 75-76). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.
- *“Nueva Comunidad”* is a phrase from Reyes, Patrick. *Nobody Cries When We Die* (pp.192-194). Chalice Press. Apple Books Edition.
- *The Community Response* is a reading from the Gospel Luke and adapted from *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible* (p. 2339). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.
- *This evening’s monologue* is inspired by the following sources:
  - *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible. Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.*
  - *Reyes, Patrick. Nobody Cries When We Die. Chalice Press. Apple Books Edition.*
  - *Carvalhaes, Claudio. Liturgies from Below. Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.*
  - *Jordan, Clarence. Cotton Patch Gospel: The Complete Collection. Smyth & Helwys Publishing. Kindle Edition.*