

Covenant CRC Ash Wednesday Worship March 1, 2017, 6:30 PM

* Please stand if you are able

Called and Gathered

Welcome

*Gathering Song

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LUYH 836

(repeat 3 times)

*God Greets Us and We Greet One Another

*Hymn

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

LUYH 623:1-3

Invitation to Lent and Time of Silent Prayer

Reconciliation and Renewal

Call to Confession

Joel 2:1-17

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Prayer of Confession

God of Compassion, We turn toward you now. We rend our hearts.

Forgive our pride and forgive our insecurities.

Forgive our self-absorption and forgive our self-destruction.

Forgive our doubts and forgive our confidence.

Forgive our longing for attention and forgive our desire to hide.

Forgive each step we take away from you and help us return to you.

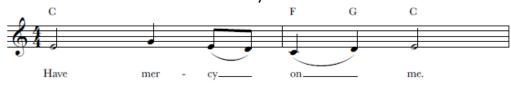
"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence.

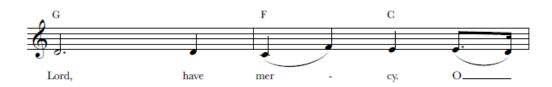
Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of my salvation, and grant a willing spirit to sustain me."

"Have Mercy on Me"









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Words of Assurance

II Corinthians 6:1,2

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Prayer of Illumination

"Spirit of the Living God"

LUYH 749

Scripture

Psalm 51

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Meditation

"The Call to Repentance"

Prayer

Imposition of Ashes

"Forgive Us, Lord"

LUYH 642

(soloist will sing verses, please join on "Forgive us, Lord")

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

LUYH 627:1-3

Parting Words

*Benediction

*Parting Song

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

LUYH 627:4