

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 14, 2024 - 6:00 pm

*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship Hebrews 4 (Responsively)

Leader: Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow;

People: it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Leader: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

People: let us hold fast to our confession.

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

People: but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Leader: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

People: so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain,

People: for the Lord our God is holy.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** "Lord, Speak to Me" UMH #463 (v. 1, 4, 5)

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

***New Testament Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15:42-49 Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "What are your treasures?"

Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH #496

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Brief history of the practice of Lent in the early church, followed by a personal invitation to you, the Church, to embrace the practice today.

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

A humble request of our God to allow these ashes to be a reminder of our dependence on Jesus' gift

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

If you desire, come to the altar to receive ashes placed on your forehead or on the back of your hand.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"

"Repent, and believe the gospel"

Confession and Pardon

A final humble request of our God to accept our repentance and forgive our sins as we strive for a new life in Christ.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "We Walk By Faith" #2196 (v. 1-4)

*Benediction

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Services in Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 24th - 11:00 am Worship Service

Maundy Thursday March 28th - 6:00 pm Worship Service
First Christian Church- Hanford
(505 W Cameron St)

Good Friday March 29th - 6:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service March 31st - 6:30 am Prayer Garden

Easter Sunday Worship at 11:00 am

Join us Wednesday's @ 6 pm for Wednesday Lenten Soup
&
Bible Study

Rev. Pablo D. Rovere



Worship Livestream link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@hanfordfirstunitedmethodis2937/streams>

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"Following Jesus - Growing in Community – Healing the World"