



Westminster Presbyterian Church
March 5th | 7pm

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Gail Arnold, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

*One: We are dust –
whether rich or poor, whether lofty or lowly,
whether privileged or powerless,
we are all made of the same stuff.*

**All: We are dust – but not merely dust.
We are dust into which God has breathed the Breath of Life.
Let all that has life and breath give thanks to God.**

One: Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit.

All: Breathe once again into the dust of this world.

*One: Blow through us with your life-giving breath,
and call us into Life, as you did at the beginning of all things.*

**All: Blow through us with your eternal Spirit,
refining us, renewing us, reforming us until we are made new.**

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

* Hymn #654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

Poetry Reading

"Both, Please"

by Sarah Are Speed

It's one thing to speak of love. It's another
to hold a newborn in your arms,
to sing someone to sleep,
to lean down and listen for their breathing.

It's one thing to speak of faith. It's another
to press your forehead to the floor,
to cry out in prayer,
to ask the hard questions and still
thank God for the meal.

It's one thing to speak of the Divine. It's another
to walk under a tunnel of wisteria,
to stand barefoot at the edge of the sea,
to hear the birds sing as the sun returns
and whisper, Thank you, thank you, thank you.

It's one thing and another, so I pray,
Give me both, please. Show me both, please.

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-62

Homily

Intention and Action

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(based on Psalm 51)

*One: Remembering that God is merciful,
eager to forgive, and abounding in steadfast love, let us pray.*

Sung Response #576 *Lord Have Mercy*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

*One: Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love!*

**All: Wipe away our wrongdoings
according to your abundant mercy!**

*One: Wash us thoroughly from our guilt;
cleanse us from our sin!*

**All: For we know our wrongdoings,
our sin is always before us.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

*One: We have sinned against you—you alone.
we have done what is evil in your sight.*

**All: You are justified when you render your verdict,
completely correct when you issue your judgment.**

*One: You desire truth in our inward being;
you teach us wisdom in the secret spaces of our hearts.*

**All: Purify us with hyssop that we will be clean;
wash us, that we may be clean as fresh snow.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

*One: Let us hear joy and celebration again;
let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.*

**All: Hide your face from our sin;
wipe away all our guilt and shame!**

*One: Create clean hearts within us, O God;
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside each of us!*

**All: Do not cast us away from your presence;
do not take your holy spirit away from us.**

*One: Return the joy of your salvation to us
and sustain us, each, with a willing spirit.*

**All: Then we will teach wrongdoers your ways,
and those who are lost will come back to you.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

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*One: Deliver us from violence, O God,
O God of our salvation,
so that every tongue can sing of your deliverance.*

**All: Lord, open our lips,
that every mouth will proclaim your praise.**

*One: You do not ask us for sacrifices.
If we give you burnt offerings,
you would not be pleased.*

**All: We give to you our brokenness, O God;
and you do not despise us for it.**

*One: We give you our all,
and you meet us with love.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

*All are invited to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes.
In sharing this ancient rite, we recall Genesis 3:19,
“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

Prayer

* Hymn #686

God of Our Life

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Benediction

*Worshippers are invited to depart in silence or remain as long as you desire
for continued meditation and prayer.*



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