

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Ash Wednesday

Fort Dodge, Iowa
February 17, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

TRINITY BELLS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *from John 3:17, Ps. 46:1-3*

God sent Christ into the world
Not to condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength,
A present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear
Though the earth should change,
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
Though the waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God's love endures forever.

GATHERING HYMN

#81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 20

SERMON

"Party of Three"
The Rev. Rebecca L. Dix

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Holy and merciful God,
We confess to you and to one another,
And to the whole communion of saints
In heaven and on earth,
That we have sinned by our own fault
In thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart,
And mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served
us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness.
For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,
Have mercy on us, O God.

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
And our exploitation of other people,
Have mercy on us, O God.

For our anger at our own frustration,
And our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
Have mercy on us, O God.

For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
And our dishonesty in daily life and work,
Have mercy on us, O God.

For our negligence in prayer and worship,
And our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
Have mercy on us, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God,
For the wrongs we have done.
For our neglect of human need and suffering
And our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Have mercy on us, O God.

For all false judgments,
For uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
And for our prejudice and contempt
Toward those who differ from us,
Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God of our salvation,
And show us your steadfast love.
Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us


TIME OF REFLECTION #396 "O for a Closer Walk with God"

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES #2226 "Bind Us Together"

GO IN GOD'S NAME

DEPART IN SILENT REFLECTION

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Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,
And close by Thee to stay.

2 As Thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight,
In Thee to conquer sin.

3 And through these days of penitence,
And through Thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

4 Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over-past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

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O for a Closer Walk with God

William Cowper, 1772

DALEHURST CM

Arthur Cottman, 1874

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has four verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has a chorus and a verse. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

1. O for a clos-er walk with God, A calm and heav-en-ly frame,
2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes-sen - ger of rest!
3. The dear-est i - dol I have known, What - e'er that i - dol be,
4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;

A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.
Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly Thee.
So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

Bind Us Together

Chorus

Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with love

Verse 1

There is only one God
There is only one King
There is only one body
That is why we can sing