

Lancaster Theological Seminary

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

“Create in me a clean heart, O  
God...”



# Gathering as the Body of Christ.

## CENTERING SONG

## “O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER”

TAIZE

♩ = 72

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## GREETING

“This series of services integrates American Sign language as well as Silence. We cherish and embrace diversity within and beyond our community through the sounds and expressions of multiple cultures and means of communication. *Parenthetical translations are provided to be read but not spoken.*”

One [SIGN “Welcome.”]

Let us take a moment of silence to orient ourselves to God, to welcome God into our hearts, and to listen for God’s voice.

[A chime will sound to end the period of meditative silence.]

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:

Many **Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness through Your unending compassion.**

One We ask this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Many *Amen.*

**\*SERVICE OF THE ASHES**

One            Dear brothers and sisters in Christ...

...

Let us now bow before our Creator and Redeemer.

[A brief silence is kept, the congregation kneeling or bowed.]

**\*THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES**

One            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.

Many            Amen.

**\*IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES**

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive the mark of ashes on their forehead. After receiving the ashes, please return to your seats and be seated.

## Service of the Word

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**PSALM 51:1-17**

**NRSV**

One            Hear what God is saying to the people.

Many            Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

**DAVID FEHR**

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

One            We are  
**Many**        **human,**  
                 **exquisite,**  
                 **wonderfully made,**  
                 **complex,**  
                 **evolving,**  
                 **connected,**  
                 **unique,**  
                 **God-marked.**

**Many**        **We are**  
One            human,  
                 hungry,  
                 thirsty,  
                 stumbling,  
                 struggling,  
                 weak,  
                 wanting,  
                 God-marked.

One            We are  
**Many**        **here,**  
                 **with our beauty and our breakdown,**  
                 **with our wonderful and our wandering,**  
                 **with all that we are: ashes and God-marks.**

One            Hear the prayers we carry on our hearts. *[Silence for reflection]* Hear how our  
                 trust in you gives us courage to call upon your name.

**Many**        **Hear our persistent hope, that being touched by your hand, we might be**  
                 **living marks of your unfailing love. Amen.**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One            Peace be with you!  
**Many**        **And also with you!**  
One            Let us share this peace with one another.

# Service of the Table

OFFERTORY SONG

“COME YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY”

(VV 1-3)

## Come ye Sinners Poor and Needy

BEACH SPRING

Attr Benjamin White, 1844

Joseph Hart (1712–1768)



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need — y, weak and wound - ed, sick and
2. Let not con - science make you lin — ger, Nor of fi - tness fond ly
3. Come ye wear - y, hea - vy la - den, Bruised and mang - led by the
4. Ag - on - iz - ing in the gar - den, Lo! your Mas - ter prostrate
5. Lo! th' in - car - nate God a - scend - ed, Pleads the mer - it of His



sore, Je - sus rea - dy stands to save - you, full of pi - ty, love and  
dream, All the fit - ness He re - qui - r - eth Is to feel your need of  
fall; If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at  
lies; On the blood - y tree be - hold — Him, Hear Him cry be - fore He  
blood; Venture to Him, vent - ure whol - ly, Let no o - ther trust in -



pow'r. He is ab - le, He is ab - le, He is will - ing, doubt - no  
Him. This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spi - rit's ris - ing  
all. Not the right - eous, Not the right - eous, Sin - ners Je - sus came — to  
dies; "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished" Sin - ners will this not — suf -  
trude. None but Je - sus, none but Je - sus, Can do help - less sin - ners



more, He is ab - le, He is ab - le, He is will - ing, doubt no more.  
beam This He gives you, this He gives — you, 'Tis the Spi - rit's ris - ing beam.  
call. Not the right - eous, Not the right - eous, Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.  
fice? "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished" Sin - ners will this not suf - fice?  
good, None but Je - sus, none but Je - sus, Can do help - less sin - ners good.

## **\*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

One            The Lord be with you.

**Many        And also with you.**

One            Lift up our hearts.

**Many        We lift them to the Lord.**

One            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many        It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One            Creator God, we lift our hearts to you

...

And so we gladly praise and thank you, with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, singing your unending praise.

**Many        Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

One            Redeemer God, over forty days you flooded the earth,

...

Great is the mystery of our faith.

**Many        Christ has died;  
Christ has risen;  
Christ will come again.**

S. Minister   Sanctifying God,

...

ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**Many        Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

# Going Forth as the Body of Christ

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One Let us stand together as we join our voices in thanksgiving.

Many **Creating, Redeeming, and Sustaining God,**  
we are grateful for this experience of your loving kindness  
and your tender mercies.  
In the strength of this nourishment,  
we go into the world  
to humbly do your holy work of justice, love and mercy.  
Blessed be, Asche, and Amen.

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*DISMISSAL

One Go in peace and live boldly in the Spirit!



Many Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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**Cover Art:** Photograph by Dan Dorsey.

**Call to Worship:** Modified prayer from The Book of Common Prayer for Use According to the Episcopal Church, pg 217.

**Service of the Ashes:** United Methodist Church. "A Service of Worship for Ash Wednesday." Discipleship Ministries.

Accessed July 23, 2018. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-service-of-worship-for-ash-wednesday>.

**Prayer for Illumination:** Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church, HUPC – *Prayer for Illumination*,

<http://hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org/files/HUPC%20-%20Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf>.

**Communion Liturgy:** Adapted from Eucharistic Prayers by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2016.

*\*The worship planning team creates all other parts of the liturgy except where noted.*

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### **The Worship Team seeks:**

To serve the universal church of our Creator.

To minister to the unique and diverse needs of the seminary community.

To foster an expansive culture of worship that values difference, and challenges the normative.