



Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Ash Wednesday, 1 March 2017

6:30 PM



"Since my youth, I think that I have never lost the intuition that community life could be a sign that God is love, and love alone. Gradually the conviction took shape in me that it was essential to create a community with men determined to give their whole life and who would always try to understand one another and be reconciled, a community where kindness of heart and simplicity would be at the centre of everything."

-- Brother Roger:

"God is love alone."

***Meditative songs are sung by the cantor then three times by the people.*

Gathering Bell

Gathering Songs

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels
Take My Life

Hymnal 531
Hymnal 391
(vs. 1-2, 5-6)

Meditative Singing

Lord of All Goodness

Do - mi - ne De - us Fi - li - us Pa - tris,
Lord of all good - ness, Son of the Fa - ther,
(hum)

do - na no - bis pa - cem.
may your peace sur - round us.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef for the voice part and a grand staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is simple and meditative, with a long note on 'do' in the first line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

Scripture

Psalm 104: 33-34

*I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God
while I have my being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.*

Call to Worship

Leader: *Deep echoes of the soul,*
People: *voices of silence,*
Leader: *inner nudges,*
People: *persistent longing,*
Leader: *It is the call of God,*
People: *the pull of Lent,*
Leader: *the season of reflection,*
People: *the yearning for springtime joy,*
Leader: *the thirst for living water,*
People: *the desire for new life.*

Scripture

Psalm 130, 131

*Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee,
O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
If Thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities,
O LORD, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait,
and in His word do I hope.
My soul waiteth for the LORD*

*more than they that watch for the morning –
 I say, more than they that watch for the morning.
 My heart is not proud, LORD, my eyes are not haughty;
 I am not concerned with great matters
 or with subjects too difficult for me.
 Instead, I am content and at peace.
 As a child lies quietly in its mother's arms,
 so my heart is quiet within me.*

Meditative Singing and Candle lighting

Alleluia

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. lu - ia.

Scripture

Psalm 141: 1-2

*Lord, I cry out to you; make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to you.
 Let my prayer be set before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands
 as the evening sacrifice.*

Meditative Singing

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
 when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
 Lord. hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

**Place lit candles in sand containers at front of sanctuary.*

Share the Peace of the Lord

Children are invited to a special Lenten activity in the Fellowship Hall or are welcome to continue to participate.

Confession and Repentance

from Psalm 51

*Generous in love - God, give grace!
Huge in mercy -wipe out my bad record.
Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry.
I know how bad I've been; my sins are staring me down.
You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil.
You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair.
I've been out of step with you for a long time; in the wrong since before I was born.
What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.
God, make a fresh start in me.*

Meditative Singing

Psalm 51:10

Create In Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, And re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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Silence

When we try to express communion with God in words, we quickly reach the end of our capacities. A period of silence allows us to listen to the voice of God deep within, and is essential in discovering the heart of prayer. Silence means leaving to God what is beyond our reach and capacity. A moment of silence, even very short, is like a holy stop, a sabbatical rest, a truce of worries.

Meditative Singing

In This Holy Silence

In this ho - ly si - lence, speak to our hearts.

Lis - ten to our prayer, to the long - ing of ev - 'ry heart.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

Reconciliation

Ephesians 2:14-17, John 14:27

Leader: Christ is our peace, making us one.
People: **In his person he destroyed hostility.**
Leader: He came and preached
People: **the good news of peace.**
Leader: Peace I leave with you, says the Lord.
People: **My peace I give you.**
Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
People: **I will be with you always.**

Closing Song

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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The Imposition of Ashes will be offered in silence at the communion table at the conclusion of the final Meditative Singing on those who desire it.



You are invited to remain after the service for as long as you desire for continued personal meditation and prayer.



Please leave in silence, when the Spirit so invites.

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