

Living Water Fellowship

ASH WEDNESDAY

2ND MARCH 2022

COME TO JESUS

Gathering Music: JERUSALEM (CityAlight)

Bible Reading: Isaiah 58:1-14

Welcome to Worship

Song: Lord of all Hopefulness (AT 405)

Order for Confession and Forgiveness *(based on Hosea 14 & Psalm 139)*

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for your sins have brought you down.

Bring your confessions, and return to the Lord. Say to him,

“Forgive all our sins and graciously receive us, so we may offer you praise.”

Search us, O God, you know our hearts; test us for you know our anxious thoughts.

Point out anything that offends you, and guide us along the path of everlasting life.

Lord, we have not loved as we ought. We have been impatient with those to whom we could have been gentle. We have disregarded those to whom we could have shown humility. Too often we choose the selfish way.

We have been too busy to pray, too quick to speak and too slow to listen. We have filled our lives with noise and distraction. Teach us to obey our shepherd's voice.

Lord, we confess our need. We need your grace. We need your wisdom. We need your hand to lead us. We require your discipline by your Spirit. As we live in the light of your cross, we call out for your mercy and your love for our salvation.

The Lord says, “I will heal you of your faithlessness; my love will know no bounds, for my anger will be gone forever. I will be to you my people a refreshing dew from heaven. My people will blossom like the lily; it will send roots deep into the soil like the cedars in Lebanon. Its branches will spread out like beautiful olive trees...My people will again live under my shade. They will flourish like grain and blossom like grapevines.”

By Christ's authority & command I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins. Almighty God sent Jesus not to condemn the world but to save it. He gives the Holy Spirit to cleanse, renew & strengthen us. We were once strangers to God's grace, now we are children of God's glorious light! **Amen**

GROW IN HIS GRACE

Bible Reading: Proverbs 3:5-12

Imposition of Ashes:

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 our returning to you by the work of the Holy Spirit. Remind us tonight and in every breath, that we receive eternal life by grace alone, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Bless all who receive these ashes tonight. Let your saving, healing, sanctifying work reach completion in our hearts, through Jesus Christ...**Amen.**

(Those who desire to receive ashes, children and adults, may come forward.

Ashes will be applied to each person's forehead, with the words:

"Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return."

Song during imposition of ashes: HERE'S MY HEART LORD (Lauren Daigle)

The Sermon: *RSVP: INVITATION TO RIGHTEOUSNESS*

Prayers:

The Communion

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Let us eat the bread given to us with its terrible price, & its infinite love. Let us drink the cup poured out for us with a life that makes satisfaction for sin and all things new.

Song during communion: CHRIST BE ALL AROUND ME (All Sons & Daughters)

GO IN HIS POWER

Communion Blessing & Prayer:

For the gift of life in Jesus Christ your Son, we give you thanks, O Lord. For the gift of your Word and this fellowship of faith in which we put them out, we praise you. For the gifts of signs and sacraments, for your Spirit so we obey your will in the coming days, that in Christ we may experience the joy of the resurrection as your promise becomes real in each of us...Through Christ we pray...**Amen.**

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Song:

How Deep the Fathers Love For Us
The offering will be received as we sing.

SHOW HIS LOVE