

## Gathering & Introduction

### Call To Worship

**L:** The grace of the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with you.

**P:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Bless the Lord who forgives all  
our sins.

**P:** **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Gathering Hymn 502

Be Thou My Vision

### Opening Prayer

Psalm 51selected

Adapted as prayer  
From The Message

**God, make a fresh start in us,  
shape a Genesis week from the chaos of  
our life together.**

**Don't throw us out with the trash,  
or fail to breathe holiness in us.**

**Bring us back from gray exile,  
put a fresh wind in our sails!**

**Give us a job teaching rebels your ways  
so the lost can find their way home.**

**Commute our sentence, God, our salvation  
God,**

**and we will sing anthems to your life-  
giving ways.**

**Unbutton our lips, dear God;  
we'll let loose with your praise.**

**Going through the motions doesn't please  
you,**

**a flawless performance is nothing to you.**

**We learned God-worship  
when our pride was shattered.**

**Heart-shattered lives ready for love  
don't for a moment escape God's notice.**

**Make us the place you delight in,  
repair our broken-down dreams.**

**Then you'll get real worship from us,  
acts of worship small and large,  
Including all the bulls  
we can heave onto your altar!**

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Isaiah  
58:1-12

Gospel Lesson Matthew  
6:1-6, 16-21

"Beware of practicing your piety before others  
in order to be seen by them; for then you have  
no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a  
trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the  
synagogues and in the streets, so that they  
may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they  
have received their reward. But when you give  
alms, do not let your left hand know what your  
right hand is doing, so that your alms may be  
done in secret; and your Father who sees in  
secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the  
hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in  
the synagogues and at the street corners, so  
that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell  
you, they have received their reward. But  
whenever you pray, go into your room and shut  
the door and pray to your Father who is in  
secret; and your Father who sees in secret will  
reward you.

Hymn of Preparation 461

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Sermon

***Ashes, Ashes,  
We All Turn Around***

Invitation to the Observance of  
Lenten Discipline

Hymn of Offering 354  
Just As I Am

Offering Our Individual Repentance

Imposition of Ashes

Sending Forth with God's Blessing

Depart Quietly

**We thank you for your  
participation in this beginning  
to the Lenten Season.**

**We pray God's continued  
Presence on your  
Lenten journey.**

**Myerstown  
United Church of  
Christ**

***February 26, 2020***

**7:00 pm**

