



First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 7:30 P.M.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

We come to worship God as the Lenten seasons begins,
aware of our frailty and failings.

**We come seeking God's mercy,
acknowledging our own mortality.**

Having received the waters of baptism,
we are marked now with ashes.

**The treasures of this earth do not last;
our treasure is in heaven,
our heart's true home.**

*Opening Prayer (unison)

**Merciful God,
you called us forth from the dust of the earth;
you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism.
Look upon us as we enter these forty days
bearing the mark of ashes,
and bless our journey through the desert of Lent
to the font of rebirth.
May our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,
for in his cross you proclaim your love for ever and ever.
Amen.**

*Hymn #370

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Prayer of Dedication/Presentation of Offerings

Scripture Lesson (Responsive: Odd/Even) Psalm 51:1-17 Page 889

Anthem *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake* - Richard Farrant
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:18-6:10

Sermon

Sackcloth and Ashes

Song

Create In Me a Clean Heart

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Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
(repeat)

Cast me not a way from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Guided Prayer of Penitence:

Words of Imposition and Institution

Imposition of Ashes and Lord's Supper

*Hymn #81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Benediction

Pastors: Andrew T. Barton, Douglas A. Cornelius, Kristie Finley
Music Director, Julie Markavitch Caudle, Choir Director, Alexander Rosa