



ASH WEDNESDAY

Calvary Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

February 17, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDES –

There is a Green Hill Far Away
Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (Beach Spring)

John Cover
Dale Wood

STRIKING THE BELL

PRAYER, *all together*

People: Almighty God,
you despise nothing you have made
and you forgive the sins of all who seek forgiveness.
Create in us new and contrite hearts,
that truly repenting of our sins,
and acknowledging our
brokenness,
we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy,
full pardon and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

(Stand at the beginning of the Hymn.)

* HYMN 216, *sing all together* – Beneath the Cross of Jesus, *see page 7*

(All be seated.)

LITANY, *responsively*

Leader: Let us pray:
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you alone, have we sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless
when you pass judgment.
Yet you call us to a new way of life,
to come and see and hear and know and be renewed.

**People: We don't always want to be renewed, change is hard.
We are comfortable with the way things are.
It's easier to follow our ways than to seek your way.**

Leader: You call us to a new way of life,
a way of grace, peace, love, and justice.

**People: We turn our eyes away from people in need.
We turn our hearts away from people with whom we disagree.
We turn our minds away from ideas that make us uncomfortable.**

SILENCE

FORGIVENESS

Leader: Forgive us, O God. Turn our eyes forward, to where you are leading. Remind us that you are our God and will never leave us.
Give us faith to see your way and the courage to walk it.
Focus our minds, hearts, and strength on your love,
that we may know you more completely,
for to know you is to love you,
and to love you is to serve you.
It is with faith and hope that we ask these things
in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,
whose love casts out all fear and leads us into a new life. Amen.

AGNUS DEI – Agnus Dei

Edna Cogswell

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – I'm Sorry

SILENCE

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Beloved people of God,
our baptism is the sign and seal
of our cleansing from sin,
and of our being grafted into Christ.
Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ,
the power of sin was broken
and God's kingdom entered our world.
Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom,
and freed from the bondage of sin.
Let us claim that freedom and redemption
through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism.

I ask you, therefore,
once again to reject sin,
to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,
and to confess the faith of the church,
the faith in which we were baptized.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: I renounce them.

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?

People: I will, with God's help.

POURING OF THE WATER

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful,
and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.

ANTHEM – Father, Whose Blessings We Entreat (from The Legend of St. Cecelia)

Julius Benedict

PRAYER, *responsively*

Leader: God of holiness: your day comes near, and we tremble, not out of fear,
but from awe and gratitude. For on your day, we are fully known,
completely restored, reconciled to you forever.

Jesus Christ, Grace Bearer: as we come to your fast,
may we be filled with your hope; as we receive your gifts,
may our hearts be opened to others;
as we begin our journey with you,
may we put no roadblocks in the pathway to Jerusalem.

Holy Spirit, Creator of clean hearts,
as water rushes into an empty hole,
may your sacramental silence fill the emptiness of our souls,
even as we pray together:

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

* HYMN 209, *sing all together* – My Song Is Love Unknown, *see the last page*

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Angelus

Franklin Ritter

* *As you are able, please stand.*

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216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day,
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross; impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor. The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.

My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.

TEXT: Samuel Crossman, 1664, alt.
 MUSIC: John Ireland, 1918
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LOVE UNKNOWN
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