

Trinity United Church of Christ Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023 7:00 p.m. In-Person Worship FB Live Streaming

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ: We exist to Love people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

WE GATHER

During this worship, we encourage you to know and to remember that you have created a **Quiet Meditative Space**, that this is a **Safe and Loving Place**, a "Sanctuary" for worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that '**No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey**, You are Welcome Here!

Prelude: Instrumental Music "Savior Who Dying Gave" (NCH #452)

Welcome

Robert Miller

Greeting

Pastor Jessica

Let us look to Jesus, The pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was waiting Endured the cross.

*All who are able, please stand.

Jesus came to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To liberate those who are oppressed, And to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

*Call to Worship

Robert Miller

One: Have mercy upon us, O Holy One, according to your unfailing love.

Many: Refresh and renew us in your righteousness.

One: Have mercy upon us, O Holy One, according to your unfailing love.

Many: Rend our hearts to the brokenness around us. One: Have mercy upon us, O Holy One, according to your unfailing love.

Many: Revive us again with a new and right spirit.

Invocation

God of Justice, we gather together in your name. Our hearts yearn to be touched and moved. Our spirits rise in anticipation of your convicting word. Open our mouths to declare your praise. Open our minds to consider your ways.

Open our community to participate in your kindom. Amen.

Hymn of Adoration "Be Now My Vision" (NCH 451) all verses

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 58:1-12 Robert Miller	All: Have mercy on us, O God.
Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Pastor Jessica	We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, All: We confess to you, O God.
Meditation Sand and Water Pastor Jessica	Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
Invitation to the Holy Season of Lent Pastor Jessica	All: We confess to you, O God. Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
Silence	All: We confess to you, O God.
	Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and
Blessing of Ashes	our dishonesty in daily life and work,
Imposition of Ashes	All: We confess to you, O God. Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
Instrumental Hymn	All: We confess to you, O God.
Bless the Lord My Soul (Taizé) (Video to be played during imposition of ashes)	Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Litany of Penitence	All: Accept our repentance, O God.
All: Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.	 For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, All: Accept our repentance, O God. For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, All: Accept our repentance, O God. Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; All: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.
Silence	Amen.
We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. All: Have mercy on us, O God. We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.	Almighty God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore God to grant us true repentance and the Holy Spirit that those things which we do this day may be pleasing to God,

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that the rest of our lives may be lived faithfully and that at the last we may come to God's eternal joy; through Jesus the Christ. **All: Thanks be to God!**

*Closing Hymn: "Give Me a Clean Heart" (NCH 188)

*Benediction

Worship Notes and Resources:

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Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley Robert Miller Deb Persinger Sandy Sanders

Pastor Lay Reader Worship Committee

Lenten Worship Series:



The Grace of Les Misérables

February 26, 2023 – 1st Sunday in Lent Scriptures: 1 Cor. 1:18-25; Matt 4:1-11 Theme: Receiving Grace

March 5, 2023 – 2nd Sunday in Lent Scripture: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; Luke 16:1-15 Theme: Understanding Justice *Communion will be celebrated March 12, 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Lent Scripture: Romans 5:1-11; Matt 25:41-46 Theme: Responding to Poverty

March 19, 2023 – 4th Sunday in Lent Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13; John 3:1-17 Theme: Defining Love

March 26, 2023 – 5th Sunday in Lent Scriptures: Psalm 130; John 11:1-45 Theme: Modeling Empathy

April 2, 2023 – Palm/Passion Sunday Scriptures: Zechariah 9:9-10; Mark 11:1-11 Theme: Shaping Revolution

April 6, 2023 – Maundy Thursday Scriptures: 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17; 31b-35 Theme: Last Supper *Communion will be served

April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday Scriptures: Gen 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:1-10 Theme: Finding Hope *Communion will be served

April 16, 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-31 Guest Preacher:

