



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**
Ash Wednesday Service
February 14th, 2024
6:30 pm

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

Repairing ! For Such a Time as This

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.***

Meditation of the Day: "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." ~Pope Francis~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

*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
Performed by Hannah Matthews

Words of Welcome **Pastor Katie**

Announcements, Joys and Concerns **Pastor Katie**

***Call to Community** **Amy Schultz**

One: It is love which calls us here.

**All: That love which may see its own shadow yet
continues to bring light to all.**

One: It is love which gathers us to this place.

**All: That love which whispers in our hearts, the love
which sings in our silent souls.**

One: It is love which surrounds us in these moments.

**All: That love which is fresh with each breath, the love
which endures forever.**

***Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" (# 200 Chalice)**

Why We Are Here

Scripture Reading Isaiah 54:7-10

Prayer of Confession – based on Psalm 51:1-17

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your
steadfast love.

Side A: You know my transgressions, Righteous God, and
so do I.

Side B: I have done what is evil in your sight.

Side A: Please...

Side B: Please...

Side A: As your people, we have not been as faithful as we
could be.

**Side B: But we do not know how to escape from our
sin.**

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your
steadfast love.

Side A: *We pass judgment on others;*

**Side B: And we forget that judgment is your job, not
ours.**

Side A: Please...

Side B: Please...

Side A: *Do not cast me away from you;*
Side B: *Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.*
 One: *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.*
 Side A: *Wipe away my wrongdoings, God of Mercy;*
Side B: *Hide your face from my transgressions, God of Love.*
 Side A: *Please...*
Side B: *Please...*
 Side A: *Create in me a clean heart.*
Side B: *Put a new and right spirit within me.*
 One: *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.*
 Side A: *Sustain in me a willing spirit;*
Side B: *And restore to me the joy of your salvation.*
 Side A: *Please...*
Side B: *Please...*
 Side A: *You desire truth in my inward being;*
Side B: *Therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.*
 One: *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.*
 Side A: *Let me hear joy and gladness;*
Side B: *Let me sing aloud of your deliverance!*
 Side A: *Please...*
Side B: *Please...*
 Side A: *Our sacrifices will not appease you.*
Side B: *It is our genuine selves that you desire.*
 One: *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.*
 Side A: *Deliver me from bloodshed, God of my salvation,*
Side B: *And my whole self will declare your praise!*
 Side A: *Have mercy on me, O God,*
Side B: *According to your steadfast love.*
 Side A: *Then I will become an example for faithfulness;*

Side B: *And I will help others return to your ways.*
All: *Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.*

**Choral Response “All Praise Be Yours, My God, This Night”
 (#100 NCH)**

Scripture Readings I Corinthians 13
 John 15:9-17

Imposition of Ashes

Meditative Prayer

Sacrament of Communion

***Hymn “Eat This Bread” (# 414 Chalice)**

Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn “Abide With Me” (# 636 Chalice)**

***Benediction**

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Leadership

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Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
Amy Schultz	Lay Reader