A Journey through Lent

Wednesday, March 6, 2019
12:00 Noon

Ash Wednesday

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

Lenten Services Sponsored by
The North Dare Ministerial Association

This is God’s House! All are Welcome!

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The Order of Service for the Lord’s Day

♦ = Congregation Standing as Able

~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: “Be Still, My Soul” .......................................................... arr. Albin Whitworth

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord is our ruler; let the peoples tremble! God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

PEOPLE: The Lord is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the peoples.

LEADER: Let them praise your great and awesome name. God is holy!

PEOPLE: Let us praise God’s holy name!

THE OPENING PRAYER

♦ THE HYMN NO. 442: “Just as I Am, without One Plea”................................. WOODWORTH

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, whose ways are good and true, we confess that we have not lived as Christ has called us to live. We have shut our eyes to evils our world allows. We have sealed our ears from the cries of the suffering whose pain we abide. We have clung to the hostility we harbor against one another and hardened our hearts to the creative power of love. Therefore, we pray: Open our eyes to see injustice in the world. Give us courage to resist the powers that oppress the poor. Open our ears to hear the cry of the needy. Teach us generosity for sharing the abundance of your creation. Open our minds to imagine an end to human strife. Grant us wisdom to pursue the ways of peace. Open our hearts to love our neighbors and our enemies near and far. Give us desire to embody the compassion of Christ. Amen.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON ................................................................. Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, ‘Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, “Where is their God?”’
THE LITANY OF PENTITANCE

Holy and merciful God, 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. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: We have not listened 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.

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: For our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: For our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: Restore us, O God, of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

PEOPLE: Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.

THE UNISON PRAYER FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES:

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, for it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray, Amen.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES:

Those who wish to receive the imposition of ashes on their foreheads are invited to come down the center aisle in silence. You may return to your seats down the side aisles.

♦ THE HYMN NO. 819: “Be Still, My Soul” ................................................................. FINLANDIA

THE BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”...................... arr. Evans

Please join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service for a lunch prepared by the Presbyterian Women of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church.

The cost of the lunch $5.00.
Outer Banks Presbyterian has proudly hosted community Lenten Service sponsored by the Dare County Ministerial Association for many years. The services begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 noon and will continue through April 17. There is a service in the sanctuary followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. The cost of the lunch is $5.00 and the proceeds will go to the Beach Food Pantry, Food for Thought, Mt. Olivet Food Pantry and the Hatteras Island Food Pantry. All are invited to these services of music and reflection. The schedule for the 2019 Lenten season is as follows:

**March 6**
- The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Speaker
  - from Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
- OBPC Presbyterian Women, Luncheon

**March 13**
- The Rev. Charles Daly, Speaker
  - from Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
- Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, Luncheon

**March 20**
- The Rev. Phil Glick, Speaker
  - (Retired)
- All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Luncheon

**March 27**
- The Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, Speaker
  - (Retired)
- Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church, Luncheon

**April 3**
- The Rev. Keith Dey, Speaker
  - from Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Luncheon

**April 10**
- Chaplain Cherri Wheeler, Speaker
  - from Kitty Hawk Baptist Church
- Kitty Hawk Baptist Church, Luncheon

**April 17**
- The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker
  - from Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter
- St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Luncheon