

Celebration of Worship

March 6, 2019

6:30 PM

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Spoken by God to Adam after the fruit had been eaten
Genesis 3:19

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe the Good News.

The first words spoken by Jesus in the Gospel of Mark
Mark 1:15

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

***RESPONSE IN SONG**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Chalice Hymnal No. 195

Verses. 1, 3 & 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PSALM 51:1-7

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

THE LENTEN PRACTICES

1. Prayer & Study

What commitment will you make to increased prayer, study, and devotional time during this season of Lent?

2. Repentance

What steps will you take this Lenten season toward a more active spirit of repentance?

3. Penance

What steps will you take to actively seek a conversion of the heart during this season of Lent?

THE SIGN OF ASHES

Prayer over Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

***RESPONSE IN SONG**

It Is Well with My Soul

Chalice Hymnal No. 561

Verses 1 & 3

***CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCY**

***BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**



First Christian Church . . .

*we are Disciples of Christ, a movement
for wholeness in a fragmented world.*

*As part of the one body of Christ,
we welcome all to the Lord's Table
as God has welcomed us.*

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