



KALAMAZOO

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"A Sanctuary in the City... Living Faith"

MARCH 2, 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY

12 NOON

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here—with whatever joys, questions, or tears you bring today—as we worship God, who welcomes us all!

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.
Let us worship God.

PRELUDE

* OPENING RESPONSES

"Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12)

Roll up your sleeves. Let down your guard.

Come in from the storm. Make yourself at home.

Pull up to the table. Release the tension in your jaw.

Take a deep breath. Return to God with all your heart.

May it be so.

* HYMN #215

"What Wondrous Love is This" vs. 1&2

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

PRAYER

"Rend Your Heart"

Jan Richardson

SUNG RESPONSE #227

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (repeat)

READING

Joel 2:12-17

SUNG RESPONSE #90

"Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong; take heart! (repeat)

REFLECTION

INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLESHIP

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, now and forever. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

* HYMN 215

"What Wondrous Love is This?" vs. 3&4

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity I'll sing on!**

* BENEDICTION

A Blessing for Ash Wednesday

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* POSTLUDE

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