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W E D N E S D A Y

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

5:15PM

FEB 14, 2024



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

116 S Highland Ave • Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Order Of Worship

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024 † 5:15 pm

* Indicates where to please rise in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Leader: God sent Jesus into the world so that the world might be saved through Jesus.

People: God's love endures forever.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we do not need to be afraid.

People: God's love endures forever.

* **HYMN** (*printed in bulletin; vs. 1, 2, 4*) "Within Your Shelter, Loving God"

ABBAY

INTRODUCTION TO OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:7

Then the Lord God formed person from the dust of the ground and breathed into the nostrils the breath of life, and the person became a living being.

* **HYMN** (*printed in bulletin; chorus only repeated*) "Beautiful Things"

PRAYER OF PRAISE

PSALM LESSON

Psalms 51:1-2, 10-12

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. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

* **HYMN** (*printed in bulletin*)

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

SARADAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:30-33

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The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

HOMILY

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* **HYMN** (*printed in bulletin*)

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

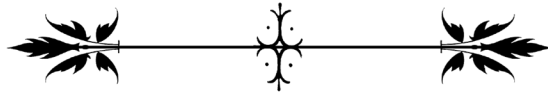
WELCOME TABLE

* **BLESSING**

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Please stay after the service to join us for dinner.

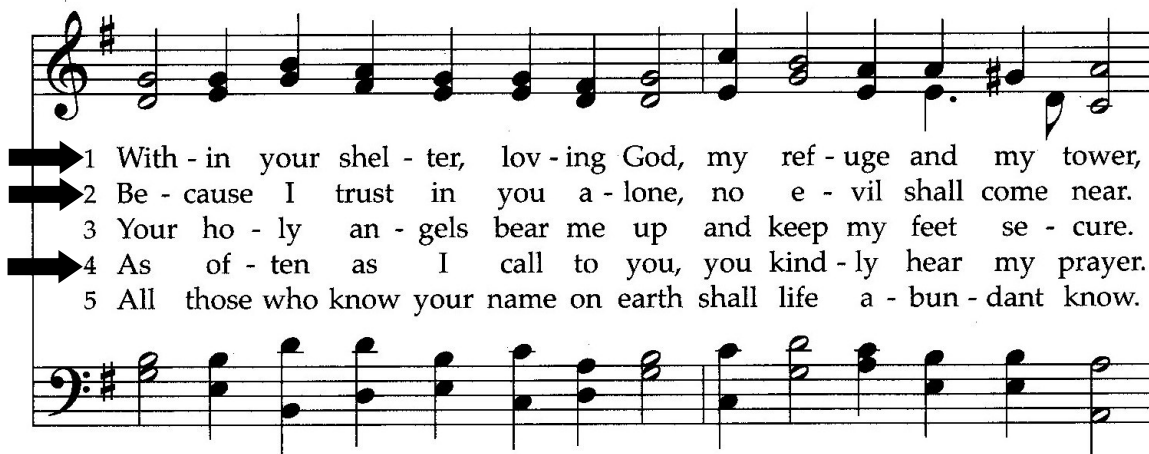


PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

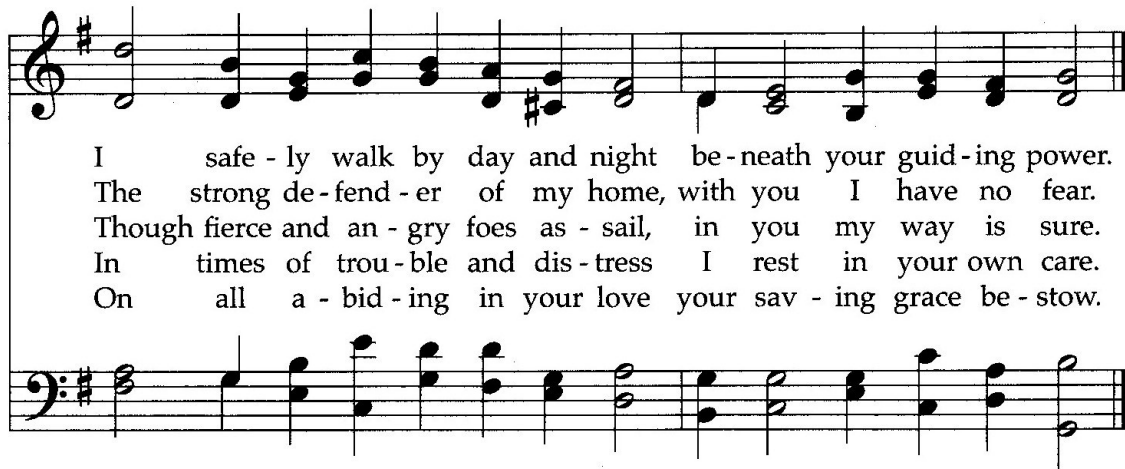
- Preaching: **The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf**
Acting Co-Pastor and Pastor for Educational Ministries
- Liturgists: **Sara Hackett**
Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries
- Musicians: **Dr. Edward Alan Moore**
Organist/Music Director
- Robin Thompson**
Cantor
- Sound: **Wayne Gaines**



WITHIN YOUR SHELTER, LOVING GOD (*vs. 1, 2, 4*)



1 With - in your shel - ter, lov - ing God, my ref - uge and my tower,
2 Be - cause I trust in you a - lone, no e - vil shall come near.
3 Your ho - ly an - gels bear me up and keep my feet se - cure.
4 As of - ten as I call to you, you kind - ly hear my prayer.
5 All those who know your name on earth shall life a - bun - dant know.



I safe - ly walk by day and night be - neath your guid - ing power.
The strong de - fend - er of my home, with you I have no fear.
Though fierce and an - gry foes as - sail, in you my way is sure.
In times of trou - ble and dis - tress I rest in your own care.
On all a - bid - ing in your love your sav - ing grace be - stow.

The most familiar part of this paraphrase of Psalm 91 may be the third stanza, based on verses Satan quotes when tempting Jesus to throw himself off a pinnacle of the Temple (Matthew 4:5-6/Luke 4:9-11). Citing Scripture outside the context of faith undercuts its true power.

BEAUTIFUL THINGS *(chorus only repeated)*

10 1. D 2. D Chorus:

You make beau-ti-ful things, _

13 You make_ beau-ti-ful things out of the dust. _

16 You make beau-ti-ful things, _ You make_ beau-ti-ful things out of us. _

19 G A/G D

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD

Capo 5: (F) (Gsus) (G) (C) (Em7) (F) (A7)
 B \flat Csus C F Am7 B \flat D7



1 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -
 2 Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence;
 3 Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion; re -

(D) (D7) (G) (Dm)
 G G7 C Gm



ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -
 cast me not a - way from your pres - ence;
 store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion; re -

(E) (E7) (Am) (E7) (Am)
 A A7 Dm A7 Dm



ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 cast me not a - way from your pres - ence and
 store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

(Dm7) (Em) (G) (C) [(Em)]
 Gm7 Am C F [Am]



new a right spir - it with - in me.
 take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 hold me with your free Spir - it.

The text here comes from Psalm 51:10–12, three verses that illustrate the pattern of parallels often found in Hebrew poetry. The first verse here centers on positive actions, the second on avoidance of negative actions, and the third on providing an improved spiritual condition.

I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al-le-lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al-le-lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel-come, Al-le-lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al-le-lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

TEXT: African American spiritual, alt.

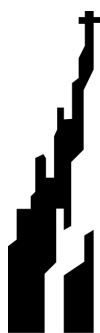
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Carl Diton, 1980, alt.

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WELCOME TABLE

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