



BAYSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 2, 2022

QUIET MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Jung Ung Moon

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison) Rev. Dr. Jung Ung Moon

Surround us with Your love and mercy, gracious Lord. We have no security except in You. We are perpetually exposed to the destructive forces of this existence. We are in constant danger of losing the battle to the very passions and desires of our natures. We can only submit ourselves to You and believe that You will fulfill Your purposes in us. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

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HYMN "Seek Ye First" #405

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" #301

SCRIPTURE READING New Testament: Luke 9:18-24 Efrain Padilla

MUSIC OFFERING Kevin Winebold

MESSAGE "Grace of God" Rev. Dr. Jung Ung Moon

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

*HYMN "Blessed Assurance" #369

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Jung Ung Moon

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

L: Sovereign God: In Christ You have shown us what it means to be truly religious. It means to live in Your Will - to live in and for shalom.

P: True religion consists of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. True religion means loving You with our whole being and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Such a love is made possible by Your gift of Yourself.

L: Lord, You long to fill our lives with happiness as well as holiness. You want to give us a peace that passes all understanding and a joy that is possible only with hearts rooted in Your love. All of this is shalom - wholeness, happiness, justice, peace, and joy - and it becomes possible wherever the living Jesus is recognized, honored, and followed.

P: Through the good news of Jesus Christ, You have shown us, O God, how to find our way into Your Kingdom of peace:

L: We know that our first step is repentance. The journey of faith begins in true self-knowledge, in the acknowledgment of our brokenness, our lack of trust in You and Your will, our impotence to rise above our sin, our pride and self-centered blindness. By acknowledging our helplessness and our need for You we make ourselves ready for the bestowal of Your Spirit.

P: Beyond that, we know that our next step must be trust. Our discipleship comes alive when we truly believe Your good news. We need to move in our lives from knowledge about You and Your ways to a sure and certain trust in You!

L: So, as we prepare for the Season of Lent, we pray that You would reveal Your vision of what human life is meant to be. Inspire us to root our lives in that vision, and free us from foolish self-reliance so that we may be truly open to the gifts You desire to share. as a symbol of our repentance and in celebration of our commitment to a new openness we wear the ashes in humility. Amen.

Ash Wednesday



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

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