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*A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Church
Becoming an Anti-racist Church*

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ASH WEDNESDAY

March 9, 2011

7:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

Chorale Partita on *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide*
Chorale and Variation 4. Andante

CALL TO WORSHIP

*We pray, not to request God's presence, but to call ourselves into i
wisdom, and holy silence are nearer than breath.*

One: We enter the place of God quietly.

All: Our hearts are quiet.

One: We seek the presence of God.

All: Our hearts are searching.

One: We open our lives to God.

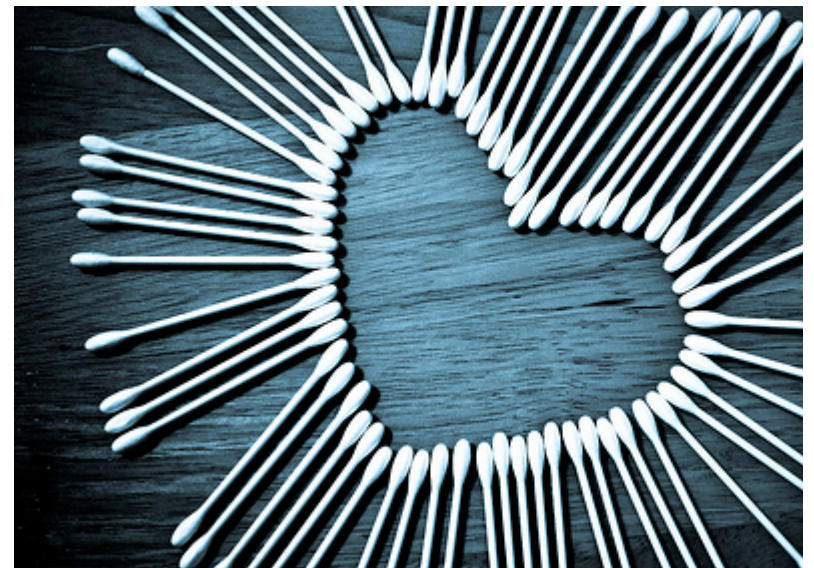
All: Our hearts are open.

One: We find the love of God.

All: Our hearts are full.

One: We have come to worship God.

All: All glory, praise and honor be to God. Amen



*HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING Prayer of Unburdening



1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we
2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's



lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celestial



frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the
being, touches base, making space within our
bracket the space we gain: There's a place for deepest



clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising
dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.
courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray
MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White
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BEACH SPRING
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Voice 1: We gather in reverence for what is holy this day, bringing Holy.

Voice 2: From our common journey, we join as one community people, standing on the side of love.

All Singing:



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear



When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my



Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me

Voice 1: God, help us to see you among us: the weary, the sick, the joyful, the light of heart, the brave — one people in one circle of life same spark.

Voice 2: We give thanks for this call, O Love, Our Source, thou easy. We arrive in this space with many private burdens, with : We are in need of forgiveness. We yearn for new beginnings.

All Singing:

PASSING THE PEACE

Em /D C6 D
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.

SCRIPTURES: Psalm 51; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

ANTHEM

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
The Chancel Choir

G/B C Am6 B Em /D
When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O

SERMON

“Ashes and Dust”

INVITATION TO A LENTEN DISCIPLINE

C6 D G6 Am B Em
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

PRESENTATION OF ASHES

From the branches of last year’s palms,
From the echos of last year’s Hosannas,
From the brittleness of last year’s good intentions,
Come the ashes of repentance.

Voice 1: A greater spirit, a bigger story, a more generous song moves in this place; one in which our world may be reborn again because the Sacred dwells among us and blesses our yearning for wholeness.

Holy God,
Bless these ashes and the prayers contained in them.
Bless us and the paths we journey.
Bless the treasures we discover.
In ashes of old ways, new life is born.

Voice 2: **May our journeys always be life-affirming. In all the ways we know You — as God, as Truth, as Love, as Christ — let our stories, our journeys, and our mutual ministries always be in your name.**

All Singing:

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Please come forward to receive the ashes.
After receiving the ashes, please return to your s*

Em /D C6 D
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:

MUSIC DURING IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Erbarm’ Dich Mein, O Herre Gott
(Have Pity, O Lord God, on Me)*

G/B C Am6 B Em /D
All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #539 *Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servan*

C6 D G6 Am B Em
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

Sicut Cervus
The Chancel Choir

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fonts aquarum
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus*

As the hart desires the water brooks,
So longs my soul for Thee, O God.

G. P. da Pa... Christ Congregational Church, UCC is an inclusive, qu
of faith seeking to embody Jesus Christ by doing justice,
and walking humbly with God.

At CCC, we honor and celebrate people of all race
abilities, sexual orientations and gender identity.

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