

Order Of Worship  
St. John's United Church Of Christ  
500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446  
Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020

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Prelude Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary - Thompson & Scruggs  
Children's Choir and United Voices

Reflection

\*Opening Hymn Just As I Am.....#207

**We Confess Our Sins**

Leader: We come this night aware of our need to be made new ~ to leave things behind, as well as to take on those things that will help us on our Lenten journey.

*Sung Response: God, tender and just, forgive our sins.*

Leader: We are burdened by bitterness, resentment and anger toward others, as well as by our focus on what we can get for ourselves rather than on what we can give to those in need.

*Sung Response: God, tender and just, forgive our sins.*

Leader: We are also burdened because we have listened to the world rather than listening to you. Grant us courage as we journey, loving God, and fill us with a deep desire to help each other go the mile and bear the load.

*Sung Response: God, tender and just, forgive our sins.*

Hymn Give Me a Clean Heart.....#188

**We Receive God's Gift of Grace**

Pastor: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

*All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!*

Anthem Change My Heart, O God - Eddie Espinosa  
Children's Choir and United Voices

Scripture Reading and Reflection Matthew 4:1-11; 6:16-21

Hymn Come to the Table of Grace (See insert)

Offering

Offertory Stay with Us - Walter Pelz  
Children's Choir and United Voices

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing the Elements (Outer circle, wine; inner circles, grape juice. Gluten free bread available.)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (All): Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and your peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

Hymn Spirit of the Living God.....#283

**Imposition of Ashes**

(You are invited to come forward using the center aisle and return to your seat using the side aisles)

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.  
Repent and believe in the gospel."

\*Closing Hymn O God, How We Have Wandered.....#202

\*Commission and Benediction

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\*Denotes Congregation Standing If Able

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Sue Bertolette and Rev. Addie Stong, Pastors  
David Furniss, Minister of Music  
Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children and Youth