

Media Presbyterian Church

March 5th, 2025
7pm Service



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WEDNESDAY

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to a season of self-examination; this is a time for reconciliation with God and neighbor.

All: Welcome together, elders and children, to meet God, longing for the abundant mercy of our Creator.

Leader: Seek to know God's presence here and everywhere; let the wisdom of God guide you in truth.

All: Through hardship, affliction, and calamity, we reach for the power of God to steady us.

Leader: Prepare yourselves for a period of testing. Be open to the grace that enables your growth.

All: With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning, we seek the steadfast love of God.

Opening Prayer (All)

God of secret places, you know the hidden depths of our hearts and are acquainted with all our ways. You know when the face we present to the world is different from the reality inside us. Bring together our private conscience and public image. Open to us the treasures of your Word and make them the central value of our lives, that our ministry may be pleasing in your sight and draw others to your reconciling love. Amen.

Opening Hymn #80 (Blue) *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 pg. 787 Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily: "Covert Piety" Rev. Dr. David Cagle

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (All)

Help us, awesome God, to be honest with ourselves and with you. We want to change our wasteful, destructive ways. We want to be rid of the evil that weighs us down, the guilt that crushes our spirits. Have mercy on us as we remember and confess our sins in these moments of silent struggle. Purge us of all the garbage from our past. Wash us in the flowing streams of your forgiving love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and fill our lives with a new and right spirit. Sustain our hearts day by day in renewed focus on your steadfast love. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Lenten Response #82 (Blue)

Oh Lamb Of God Most Holy!

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Who on the cross did suffer

And patient still and lowly,

Yourself to scorn did offer:

Our sins by You were taken,

Or hope had us forsaken.

Have mercy on us, Jesus!

Assurance of Pardon

MARKING

Imposition of Ashes

RESPONDING

Invitation to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

God So Loved The World

John Stainet

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn #81 (Blue)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

SENDING

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Robert Buckley Farlee