



Ash Wednesday 2021
Join us from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for the
imposition of ashes and receiving the Lord's Supper,
drive through under the portico, West Entrance

PRELUDE *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* arr. H. Livingston

WELCOME Darren Cushman Wood

SONG *Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days* Mark Gilgallon

Lord, who throughout these forty days with us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST LESSON Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG *The Glory of these Forty Days* Mark Gilgallon

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.
Creator, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

PSALM 51

SONG *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Mark Gilgallon

Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-15

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People: Thanks be to God.

SONG

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Mark Gilgallon

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Leader: Let us pray:

People: Holy and merciful God:

**We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

People: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people,

People: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustrations,
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: We confess to you, O God.

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done;
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Leader: For our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Leader: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

People: Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

BLESSING OF ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*All are invited to receive the ashes tonight from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
as you drive through the portico at the west entrance of the church.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
....Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty.... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**People: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit....

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are invited to receive the communion elements tonight from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
as you drive through the portico at the west entrance of the church.*

Worship Leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Diane Gattone, *Pastor of Care & Nurture*
Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*
John Hague, *Audio Visual*
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Lenten “Good Power” Small Groups

Tuesdays at 3pm

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Email asell@northchurchindy.com to join a group

The Synoptic Puzzle

Dr. Perry Kea Virtual Study

Sundays, Feb. 21-March 21

9:45-10:45 a.m.

For link email: asell@northchurchindy.com