



Remember  
all are of  
the dust,  
and all  
turn to  
dust again

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church  
Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 2, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

*Wondrous Love Don Hustad*

**GREETING**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

***And also, with you.***

*Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.*

***God's mercy endures forever.***

**OPENING PRAYER**

***O God, maker of everything and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts And put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**HYMN #269**

*Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days*

**SCRIPTPURE LESSONS**

*This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.*

***Thanks be to God.***

**HOMILY**

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES**

***Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.***

(Prayers of confession in silence)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

### HYMN #292

*What Wondrous Love is This*

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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## The Season of Lent

***Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word: lencten, which means "spring." The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The First Sunday describes Jesus's temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Palm Sunday), Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the Resurrection.***

***Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sins before God within the community of faith. The form and content of the service focuses on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.***

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# Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 269

1. Lord, who through-out these for-ty days for  
 2. As thou with Sa-tan didst con-tend, and  
 3. As thou didst hun-ger bear, and thirst, so  
 4. And through these days of pen-i-tence, and  
 5. A-bide with us, that so, this life of

us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to  
 didst the vic-tory win, O give us strength in  
 teach us, gra-cious Lord, to die to self, and  
 through thy pas-sion-tide, yea, ev-er-more in  
 suf-fering o-ver past, an Eas-ter of un-

mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.  
 thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.  
 chief-ly live by thy most ho-ly word.  
 life and death, Je-sus, with us a-bide.  
 end-ing joy we may at-tain at last.

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13)  
 MUSIC: USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938;  
 harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

LAND OF REST  
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## 292 What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 2. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
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 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to  
 won-drous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and

bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to  
 lay a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to  
 mil-lions join the theme I will sing, I will sing; while  
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.  
 lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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 MUSIC: USA folk hymn; harm. by Paul I. Christianson 1955

WONDROUS LOVE