



Hope Mennonite Church
Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Lent is the season in the church year which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Palm Sunday. During Lent we “join” Jesus on his journey to the cross and to the resurrection.

Preparation

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome

Randy Quinn

Opening Prayer

Unison

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.**

“Sign Us with Ashes, Merciful God”

VT 304

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

Keeping our Covenant

Randy Quinn

“Kyrie eleison” (3 times)

VT 678

Confessing our Sin

Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

VT 889

“Jesus, Remember Me” (3 times)

VT 327

Prayer of Pardon

Randy Quinn

May the Almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept your repentance, forgive your sins, and restore you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes and Prayers at the Cross

Invitation to Lenten Disciplines

Rev. Randy

Silent Prayer

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Unison

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 and Prayers at the Cross

Departing

Depart in silence as the Spirit leads

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Randy Quinn

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Imposition of Ashes: Dianne Birkey and Marcus Loganbill

Worship tech: Randy Pinkerton