

# Grace and Freeport United Methodist Church

United Methodist Mission Statement

*The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

- Prelude Ashes T. Conry
- \*Greeting  
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
L: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**P: God's mercy endures forever.**
- \*Hymn of Praise *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* #269  
(To the tune of O For a Thousand Tongues)
- \*Ash Wednesday Prayer  
**O God, maker of every thing 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.**
- Solo Susan Parker
- Lesson Psalm51:1-17
- Homily Annual Reminder
- Hymn of Response *Where He Leads Me* #338
- Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline
- Thanksgiving Over the Ashes
- Imposition of Ashes and Silent Confession
- Offertory *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* American Folk Hymn
- 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 that 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.**
- \* Closing Hymn *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* #361  
(vss. 1 & 3)
- \* Benediction
- \* Postlude *May God Bless and Keep You* C. Walker

**Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #269**

(To the tune of O For a Thousand Tongues)

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin. to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

**Where He Leads Me**

**#338**

1. I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

*Refrain*

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

2. I'll go with him though the garden, I'll go with him though the garden, I'll go with him though the garden, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

**THE WORD**

Psalm 51:1-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup> For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**

*Refrain*

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me, I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

3. I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

*Refrain*

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me, I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

4. He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way.

*Refrain*

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me, I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

**#361**

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water, and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath, and make me pure.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.