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YOUR FIRST DEATH-DAY

Mark 8:34-38 & Galatians 2:19-3:5

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COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!

Prelude: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

As we begin this season of Lent, we recognize and confess all our sins, mindful that Jesus' death came because of our selfishness. With penitent hearts, we join Jesus on his path to Calvary. Please prepare your heart and spirit for this journey.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship:** Isaiah 51:11

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
Which a man found and reburied;

Then in his joy he goes and
Sells all that he has and buys that field.

***Hymn:** "How Can I Keep from Singing" (vs. 1,2,3,4) #821

First New Testament Reading: Mark 8:34-38

Prayer of Penitence: Psalm 51:1-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon:** Ephesians 2:4-5

"God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved." Thanks be to God!

Amen!

***Period of Fellowship**

Special Music: "One Lonely Night" Adult Choir

Second New Testament Reading: Galatians 2:19-3:5

Sermon: "Your First Death-Day" Jim Gates

IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

Words of Institution

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Over the Ashes

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Sharing of the Elements**

People come forward to receive ashes and the Communion elements.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Music During Communion: JeHae Kim-Bixby

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn:** "Abide With Me" (vs. 1,4,5) #836

***Benediction**

Postlude: JeHae Kim-Bixby