

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church

1806 Weston Avenue in Schofield, WI

Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude:

Lynn Theilig

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.

Announcements VISITORS: Please fill out a Connection Card found in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Lighting of the Candles:

Call To Worship:

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin,

So that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***Hymn:**

"There is a Redeemer"

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Old Testament Reading:

Psalms 51

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Prayer of Penitence:

Psalms 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Many are the torments of the wicked,

But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,

And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection.)

***Assurance of Pardon:**

Ephesians 1:7-8

Believe the good news! "In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us." Thanks be to God!

Amen.

***Period of Fellowship:** *Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

Special Music:

"Hymn of Promise"

Choir

New Testament Reading:

James 5:13-20

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Sermon:

"Corporate Confession is Good for the Soul" Jim Gates

**Imposition of Ashes and the Sacrament of
The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

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.