

February 17th, 2021 Ash Wednesday Worship

Worship Link: <https://youtu.be/l9AouzbXfJ0>

PRELUDE: I wonder as I wander

Traditional Appalachian

Arranged, played & sung by Michael Lemiski, with Claire Lemiski

OPENING WORDS:

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS:

Refrain: #201 We come to ask forgiveness

by Carey Landry

Let us come now, in a prayer for forgiveness.

*♪ We come to ask your forgiveness, O Lord,
and we seek forgiveness from each other.
Sometimes we build up walls instead of bridges to peace,
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.*

Loving God – as we come before you on this night of penitence...

*♪ Sometimes we hurt by what we do to others.
Sometimes we hurt with words that are un-true.
Sometimes we cause others pain by what we fail to do,
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.*

***We come to ask your forgiveness, O Lord,
and we seek forgiveness from each other.
Sometimes we build up walls instead of bridges to peace,
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.***

Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts,

*♪ For the times when we've been rude and selfish,
for the times when we have been unkind,
and for the times we refused to help our friends in need,
we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.*

***We come to ask your forgiveness, O Lord,
and we seek forgiveness from each other.
Sometimes we build up walls instead of bridges to peace,
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.***

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES:

♪ *No one loves me like you love me*

by Ruth Fazal

You perhaps have prepared some ashes from your fire place, or even a flour paste, or talcum powder paste...or you may just wish you use a little bit of water, or just touch your skin with your finger.

I invite you to mark your forehead now as we are reminded in the scriptures:

"You are dust and to dust you shall return"

"I am dust, and to dust I shall return" (we mark ourselves)

During this time of music, might you enter into a time of quiet with God –

♪ *No one loves me like you love me*

by Ruth Fazal

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

♪ *There's joy after the mourning*

by Ruth Fazal

SENDING: # 744 *God forgave my sin*

by Carol Owens

♪ God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.

I've been born again in Jesus' name

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share his love as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe

Others will know that I live.

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name

In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share his pow'r as he told me to. **Chorus**

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE *I wonder as I wander (reprise)*