

“Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me.”
Psalm 51:10

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Order of Worship

GATHERING *In silence and meditation.*

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

**Who redeems your life from the grave,
And crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: *A brief silence.*

*HYMN #267

“O Love, How Deep”

FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

RESPONSE

Cry, and God will answer.

Call, and the Lord will say: “I am here.”

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word; if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed;

Call, and the Lord will say: “I am here.”

Your light will rise in the darkness and your shadows like noon. The Lord will always guide you, giving you relief in desert places.

Cry, and God will answer.

Call, and the Lord will say: “I am here.”

*GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

A brief silence is kept.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Approach the kneeling rail to receive the cross.

HYMN #472

“Near to the Heart of God”

A PSALM OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-17

UMH #785

RECONCILIATION AND COMMENDATION

In the name of Jesus Christ , you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

All may exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.

*HYMN #395

“Take Time to Be Holy”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

All may depart in quietness.

OFFERING

You may offer your offering as to exit the service.

The offering will support Central’s Food Pantry ministry.

