

Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all
your heart. **Joel 2:12**

I was brought forth in
love, and love is my
birthright. **Psalms 51**

Offer your food to the
hungry and satisfy the
needs of the afflicted.
Isaiah 58:10

For where your treasure
is, there your heart will
be also. **Matthew 6:21**

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To Our Guests
We are glad you are with
us. Please sign the guest
book by the front door
and fill in a visitor's card
from the pew pocket.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit (2x)

*The Peace of the Earth be with you
the Peace of the heavens, too.*

*The peace of rivers be with you,
the Peace of the oceans, too.*

*Deep Peace, falling over you.
God's Peace, growing in you.*

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Baptismal Blessing

Response

*Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced
in sculpting me, in sculpting me.*

First Lesson

Psalm 46:1-3

Response 842 (6x)

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

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First Pew

Second Lesson

Isaiah 58

Response 842 (6x)

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
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Third Lesson

Psalm 51, Nan Merrill translation

Response 842 (6x)

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

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Reading

Response 678 (6x)

*Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:
the deepest night is clear as the daylight*

Imposition of Ashes

Response 433, refrain

*Sign us with ashes, merciful God,
children of dust, as to dust we return.*

Sign us with ashes, merciful God.

Mark us and make us your own

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Prayer

*Sending 451

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see,
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see,
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see,
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Blessing

*Acclamation

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Discernment is a process
of letting go of what we
are not.

Thomas Keating

If you can't see what
you're looking for, see
what's there.

Mark Nepo

I'd rather learn from one
bird how to sing than
teach ten thousand stars
how not to dance.

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Be compassion toward
yourself, and reconcile
all beings in the world.

Lao-Tzu

Baptismal blessing

John O'Donohue

Prayer

Kai Siedenburg

Blessing

Danna Faulds

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**Brought Forth in Love
SPC Worship Through the Season of Lent
February 22 – April 7**

Our journey through Lent this year invites us to dwell in our “birthright of love” as we wrestle with the human condition: choices and consequences, fear and trust, ignorance and wisdom, heartache and joy.

February 26: Rooted in Wisdom
March 5: Shade-Keeping
March 12: The Lentiest Lent (COVID Reflections)
March 19: The Soulful Self
March 26: If These Bones Could Talk
April 2: Palm Sunday
April 6: Maundy Thursday
April 7: Good Friday Vigil

Send written contributions for March 12 COVID Reflections to the church office by noon, March 8.

What do you Lament? What have you Learned?
What have you Let Go?

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Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Remember you are Stardust

Remember you are stardust,
and to stardust you shall return.

You are the ash of a great fire within a star.

The star shines within you.

You are the dust of the earth, given breath.

The breath of God breathes within you.

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