

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024, 7:00 PM



First Congregational UCC, Indianapolis
St. Peter's UCC, Carmel

***Disclaimer:** Today's worship service is being live-streamed. While the focus will be on the worship leaders, anything you say or do may be on film. If you have any questions or need to ensure you are not on camera please speak with our minister.

Out of concern for community health, we request that you remain up to date with your vaccinations. Mask as needed. Please stay home if you feel unwell. **Masks can be found in the narthex.**

Mental Health Support:

The 988 Lifeline: 988 is now active across the United States. (call or text) **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI.ORG):** information and referral services: 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) **The Trevor Project hotline** offers support for LGBTQIA+ youth and families struggling with mental health challenges at 1-866-4-U-TREVOR (488-7386) and **www.theTrevorProject.org**

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her), Worship Leader

Rev. Lori Bievenour (she/her), Worship Leader

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Handbell Choir

Adeline K. Yoder, Guest Organist

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Jackson Procise (he/him), Liturgist

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PRELUDE 1

I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ

J.S. Bach

PRELUDE 2

Savior of the Nations, Come

Cathy Moglebust

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

HYMN #185

Savior, When in Tears and Dust

*New Century
Hymnal*

SHARING OF SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (NRSVUE)

Jackson Procise

REFLECTION ON LAMENT

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund and Rev. Lori Bievenour

HYMN

Ashes

(See Insert)

CORPORATE BLESSING OF ASHES

“FOR ASH WEDNESDAY” A Reading From Kate Bowler

THE DISTRIBUTUION OF ASHES AND COMMUNITY REFLECTION ON ASHES

HYMN #205

Forty Days and Forty Nights

*New Century
Hymnal*

SHARING THE SACRAMENT
OF HOLY COMMUNION

*A LENTEN DOXOLOGY *Song of Thanks*
Praise God throughout these forty days,
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts.

A BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

Rev. Lori Bievenour

POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Helmut Walch

Today's Scripture

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (NRSVUE)

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—
a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains,
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.
Yet even now, says the Lord,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love,
 and relenting from punishment.
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent
 and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
 for the Lord your God?
Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
gather the people.
Consecrate the congregation;
 assemble the aged;
gather the children,
 even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room
 and the bride her canopy.
Between the vestibule and the altar,
 let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.
Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord,
 and do not make your heritage a mockery,
 a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
 'Where is their God?' "



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1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let



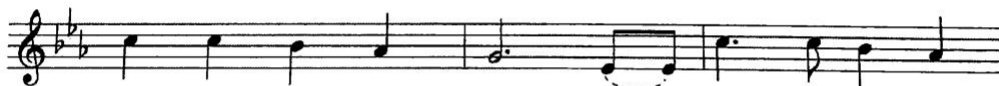
good we've failed to do. We rise a - gain from
of - fer you at - tempts, The gifts not ful - ly
heal - ing come to pain, Though spring has turned to



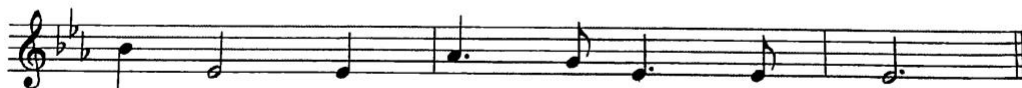
ash - es, to cre - ate our - selves a - new. If
giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly dreamt. Give our
win - ter, and sun - shine turned to rain. The



all our world is ash - es, then
stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our
rain we'll use for grow - ing, and cre -



must our lives be true, An of - fer - ing of
vi - sions wid - er view, An of - fer - ing of
ate the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of



ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
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