



# CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Come as Visitors - Leave as Friends - Return as Family"

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## CLPC Session

Marcia Bickley, Clerk of Session

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Gary Cannon  
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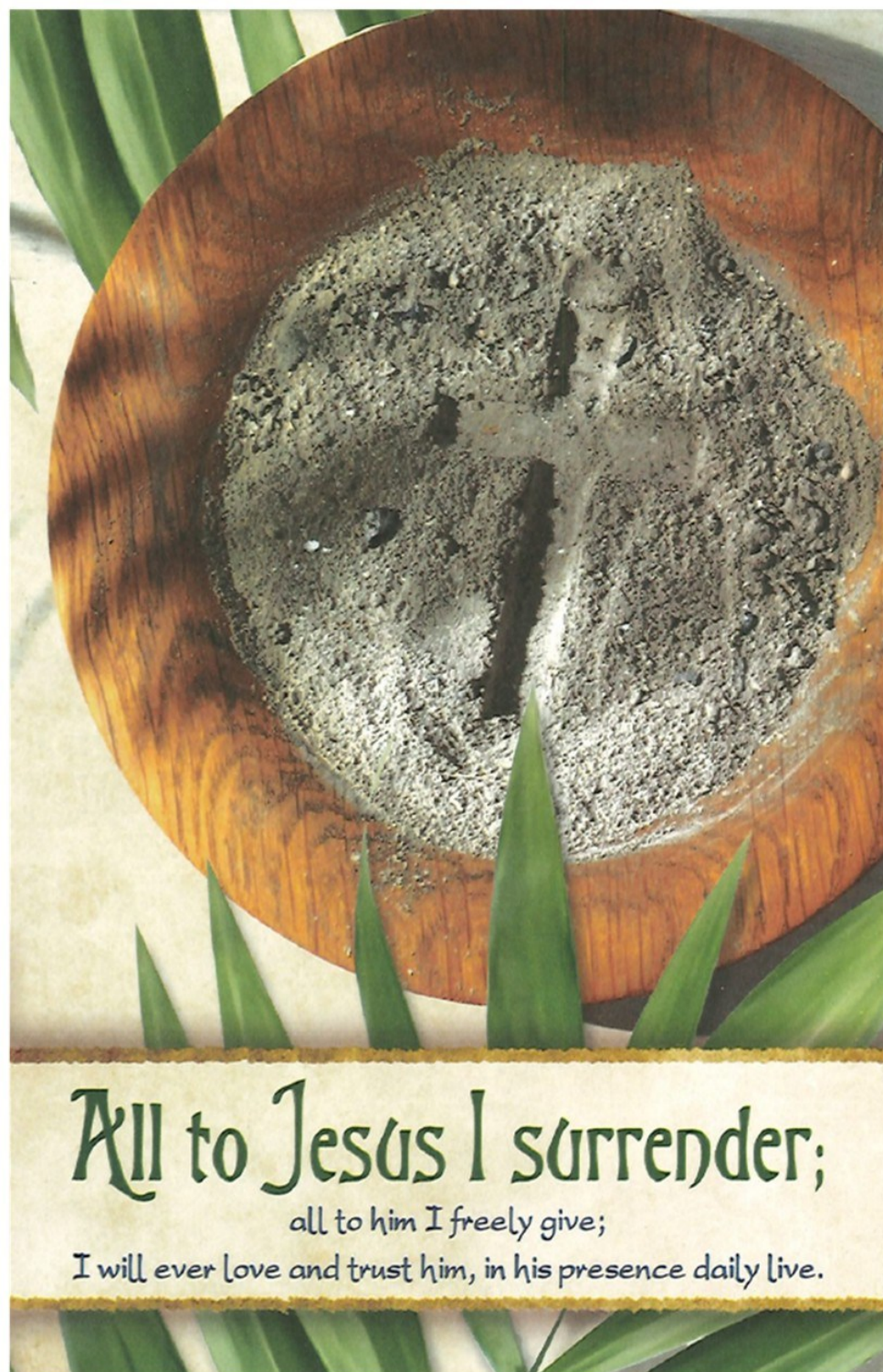
Denise Jingoian  
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Kim Lengel  
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## Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon  
InnerChange  
Skip and Carol Tobin, VMM  
Chester Eastside Inc.  
Carolyn & Dan Hennings,  
World Impact  
Michele Rickett — She is Safe  
David & Bethany Wilkinson,  
Chop Point

Ray Garcia, Philadelphia Project  
Jacob & Hosanna Thomas, VMM  
City Team - Chester  
Cornerstone Christian Academy  
Young Life of Delaware County  
Greenhouse Project  
Delaware County Pregnancy Center  
Doug Dicks, PCUSA's Regional Mission  
in Israel-Palestine



# All to Jesus I surrender;

all to him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5, 2025

6:00 pm Sacrificial Soup Supper

7:00 pm Service of Worship

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply

Bev Massey, Worship Leader

David Steel, Traditional Service Leader

## SILENT PREPARATION

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshippers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. Ashes historically have had a dual significance. First, they are Old Testament symbols of sadness and humility. Job, in the midst of all his troubles, cried out to God from the ash heap. The second symbolic meaning of ashes is as a reminder of our mortality. Each of us faces the inevitability of physical death. Our bodies and material possessions eventually will turn to dust and ashes. This is a reminder that we dare not trust in things that crumble.

\*Congregation is requested to stand if able.

Please adjust all electronic devices so as to not interrupt the service.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*"Have Thine Own Way Lord"*

**LEADER:** Let us join in worshiping the Lord our God.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 51)

**LEADER:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love.

**PEOPLE:** **According to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.**

**LEADER:** For we know our transgressions and our sin is ever before us.

**PEOPLE:** **Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Amen.**

**\*THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

*"Glorify Thy Name"*  
No. 29

## OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

## PRAYERS OF ADORATION, SILENT CONFESSION & REPENTANCE, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

**II Corinthians 5:20—6:2**

## THE MEDITATION

The Preacher from the Pew

## CHORUS OF PREPARATION

*"Softly and Tenderly"*  
No. 326, vv. 1, 4

## THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

**Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by Your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return and from dust you shall rise again.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will celebrate the sacrament at our tables this evening, offering the elements to each other at the direction of the worship leaders.

## THE INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

*We invite you, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.*

## \*HYMN

*"Lift High the Cross"*  
No. 304, vv. 1, 3, 5

## \*BLESSING AND SENDING

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*"O, How He Loves You and Me"*  
*O, how He loves you and me. O, how He loves you and me;*  
*He gave His life, what more could He give?*  
*O, how He loves you; O, how He loves me; O, how He loves you and me!*

## POSTLUDE

*"Have Thine Own Way Lord" (reprise)*