



## Ash Wednesday

Homer United Methodist Church

February 17, 2021

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**Poetry Prayer<sup>1</sup>**

Invited

Jessica Sonnen

**Prelude**

Again & Again

The Many

WORDS: Lenora Rand

MUSIC: Hannah Rand

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**Centering**

**Call to Worship<sup>2</sup>**

Into the story,  
Into this place,  
Into this time of worship,  
**We are invited.**

Into reflection,  
Into community,  
Into our own spiritual journeys,  
**We are invited.**

The broken and bruised,  
The hopeful, the new,  
The faithful, the doubting,

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<sup>1</sup> Prayer by Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

<sup>2</sup> All liturgy adapted from prayers by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

The wondering, the waiting,  
**We are invited.**

So listen, trust the invitation, and bring your whole self.  
**We accept the invitation. Amen.**

**Opening Song**      Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes      Ola Mullikin  
WORDS: Rae E. Whitney  
MUSIC: Attr. to B.F. White; public domain  
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### **Prayer for Illumination**

Creator God, your Holy Spirit stirs within us, inviting us again and again to hear and live your Word. On this first day of Lent, we ask that you draw near and walk with us on this journey. Amen.

**Scripture**      Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21      Bill Kunkler  
6" Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

5 And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

16 And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Song of Preparation**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873

MUSIC: USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

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**Sermon**

Again and Again: We're Invited In

Pastor Lisa

**Imposition of the Sign of the Cross****Song of Hope**

Hymn of Promise

Dave Nofziger &amp; Lucy Kunkler

WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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**Closing Prayer & Benediction**

In the name of God the Lover, God the Beloved, and God who is Love itself, go in peace to refresh your hearts and replenish your souls. Amen.