



Welcome Friends!

We welcome you to worship wherever you may be in your faith's journey. We strive to live in the way of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love on a daily basis regardless of race, sexual orientation or faith history. If you are new to our church community, please fill out some information about yourself in the "visitor" tab of our website. You can learn a little bit more about us, and get yourself added to our email information lists.

Prelude

Anders Nelson, *organ*

Vesper Voluntary #5

Edward Elgar (public domain)

Greeting

Congregational Hymn

Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes

led by Alex Rack, Anders Nelson

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Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes as another Lent begins;
Thus we kneel before the Maker in contrition for our sins.
We have marred baptismal pledges, in rebellion gone astray;
Now returning, seek forgiveness; grant us pardon, God, this day!

We have failed to love our neighbors, their offenses to forgive,
Have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live.
We are jealous, proud, impatient, loving over-much our things;
May the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.

We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need;
And our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed;
We have wasted earth's resources; want and suffering we've ignored;
Come and cleanse us, then restore us; make new hearts within us Lord.

Prayers

(with a time for silent reflection after each)

Let us pray for those around the world without adequate food, shelter, clothing, or health care

Let us pray for those near to us; our families, friends, members of our congregations

Let us pray for all the ways in which we have impeded another person's connection to God

Let us pray for our own hearts, minds, bodies, souls

Let us pray for leaders of our own nation and leaders of nations around the world

Let us pray for the church in all of its various forms

Let us pray for all that God has created – the earth, the animals, and all that creation has brought forth . . .

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Message

"Returning to God"

Creation of Ashes

Benediction



Worship Personnel

Rev. Becky Sechrist, *Pastor*,

Jenia Strom, *Program Director of Children, Youth, and Families*

Alex Rack, *Choir Director*; Anders Nelson, *Organist*;

Tim Siefkes and Josh Espinosa, *Contemporary Band Leaders*;

Nicholas Sabah, *Communion Steward*

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