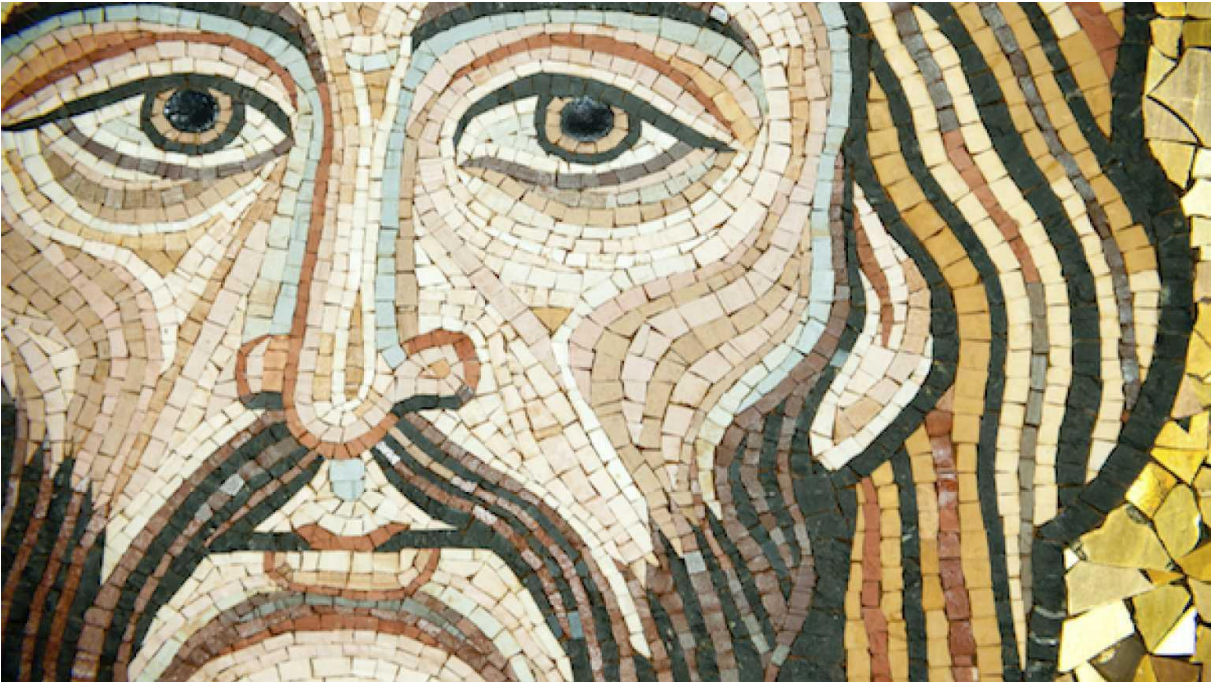


# *Salem United Church of Christ*

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**Ash Wednesday**

**February 17, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

***Today's Worship Leaders:***

**Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Senior Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director**

***We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.***

## Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude

Chris Uhe

*“More Precious than Silver / When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.

**Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God,**

For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

**Come, let us worship the Lord.**

### Invocation

### Opening Hymn

*“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

(insert)

### Gospel Reading

Luke 7:36-50

### Homily

*“The Eyes of Christ: Our Misjudging Eyes”*

### Invitation to Observe the Lenten Discipline

### Silent Confession

### Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father,

**We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against thy holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,  
and there is no health in us:**

**But Thou, O Lord,**

**Have mercy upon us miserable offenders.**

**Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.**

**Restore thou them that be penitent,**

**according to thy promises declared unto mankind,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,**

**That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy Holy Name. Amen.**

### **Imposition of Ashes**

At the invitation, all who wish may come forward up the center aisle, one pew at a time, to receive the imposition of ashes and communion. Please maintain proper distance as you do so and return to your seat via the outside aisles.

### **The Celebration of Communion**

#### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

#### **Communion Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts.

**We open them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

#### **Words of Institution**

#### **Prayer of Consecration**

#### **Sharing the Gifts of God**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## Closing Hymn

“*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*”

(insert)

## The Lord’s Prayer

## Benediction

## Postlude

As you exit this evening, ask the Lord to reveal Himself to you this Lenten Season.  
The Sanctuary is open for any who would like to remain and pray.

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Call to Worship: *The Pastor’s Workshop*, Stuart Strachan, Jr., adapted from Joel 12:12-14.  
Invocation: St. Ambrose of Milan (A.D. 339-397), adapted.  
Invitation to Observe the Lenten Discipline: *Book of Common Prayer*, 1979.  
Corporate Confession: *Book of Common Prayer*, 1552.  
Thanksgiving over the Ashes: *Book of Common Prayer*, 1979.  
Benediction: Aaronic Blessing – Numbers 6:24-26, KJV.

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## TODAY’S MINISTRY

**Greeters: Kaye James, Debbie Passig, Maret Weare**

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# Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 269

The musical score is written in a 6/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line being the start of the first verse and the subsequent lines continuing the verses.

1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days for  
 2. As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and  
 3. As thou didst hun - ger bear, and thirst, so  
 4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and  
 5. A - bid with us, that so, this life of

us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to  
 didst the vic - tory win, O give us strength in  
 teach us, gra - cious Lord, to die to self, and  
 through thy pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more in  
 suf - fer - ing o - ver past, an Eas - ter of un -

mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.  
 thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
 chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
 life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bid.  
 end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

# 422 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*And after the earthquake, a fire; . . . And after the fire a still small voice.*

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John Greenleaf Whittier

— I Kings 19:12

Frederick C. Maker

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish ways!  
 2 *In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian sea,*  
 3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a - bove!  
 4 *Drop Thy still dews of qui - et - ness 'Til all our striv - ings cease;*  
 5 Breathe through the heat of our de - sire Thy cool - ness and Thy balm;

1 Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; In pur - er lives Thy  
 2 *The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like them, with -*  
 3 Where Je - sus knelt to share with Thee The si - lence of e -  
 4 *Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our or - dered*  
 5 Let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; Speak through the earth - quake,

1 serv - ice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 2 *out a word, Rise up and fol - low Thee.*  
 3 ter - ni - ty, In - ter - pret - ed by love.  
 4 *lives con - fess The beau - ty of Thy peace.*  
 5 wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm. A - men.