

SERMON TITLE "Thankfulness and Humility" Pastor Doug

INVITATION TO THE OBERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Thanksgiving over the Ashes
Imposition of Ashes

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

†**CLOSING HYMN** "Amazing Grace" Hymn #378

†**BENEDICTION** Pastor Doug

All may depart in quietness

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Cheerfully Serving the Lord in Worship this Evening...

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Banning United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023

† Congregation rises in body or spirit
Congregational response in bold

WELCOME

Pastor Doug

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Why have we gathered today?

We gather to confess our sins and bring a sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart to God, Who forgives us and frees us for joyful obedience. Today, we join one another and Christ on the road to the cross and commit ourselves to the Lenten journey ahead of us. May we be faithful to keeping a Lenten fast of justice, charity, and flourishing before God, self, and neighbor.

†OPENING PRAYER

Marilyn Casey

God of Eternal Love, We have made our commitment to You, and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. But, we know that if we are to remain faithful we need Your help and Your strength.

So, we ask. Teach us to pray with faith and read Your Word with understanding. Teach us to worship with passion and gather together with love. Teach us to give generously, serve compassionately and use our time mindfully, so that we may reflect Your goodness, and that others may discover Your grace through us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymn #369

PSALTER READING

Psalms 51:1-17

Pastor Janice

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Response

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

L Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

L: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

P: Behold I was born into iniquity, And I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

Response

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†GOSPEL READING

Pastor Doug

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 NRSV

"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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so 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. ⁶But 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. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.