



The People of Christian Temple, North Eaton, and  
Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
gather virtually for the

## Worship of God

February 17, 2021, 7pm: Ash Wednesday

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Spirit of God is with you!  
**And also with you!**

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

Lift up your hearts...  
**We lift them to the Lord!**

Prelude

*Prelude on Dust and Ashes*

Mr. Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“Therefore there’s no shame in the truth of who we are; the broken and blessed beloved of God. There’s no shame in the truth that our lives on earth will all end and that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. It’s not depressing. What’s depressing is the desperation of trying to pretend otherwise. What’s depressing is to insist that I can free myself; I just haven’t managed to pull it off yet. What is so wonderful about Ash Wednesday and Lent is that through being marked with the cross and reminded of our own mortality we are free. We are free to hear the song of our own salvation which tells of Christ who offers life and forgiveness. This song sings of a God who creates clean hearts and renews our spirits.”

--Nadia Bolz-Weber

Hymn of Beginning

*Again We Keep This Solemn Fast*

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Invocation

Pastor Leila Jindra

Hymn of the Lenten Journey 180

ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been a rebellious people. We have broken your covenant, and we have tolerated injustice in our land. We have not shared our food with the hungry, we have not sheltered the homeless, and we have not aided the destitute. We quarrel and fight among ourselves, and we use religion to cover our deceit. We have become a mockery of our heritage; the world looks at us and asks, Where is their God? Forgive us, O God. Subdue our rebellious hearts and restore in us the light of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Prayers of the People

Holy God...  
**Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

All

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

Congregational Response 202

PASSION CHORALE

*Hear Now the Prayer We Offer*

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Offertory

*Meditation on Again We Keep This Solemn Fast*

Mr. Collins

Doxology 200

*Doxology*

WONDROUS LOVE

**To God and to the Lamb we will sing, we will sing, to God and to the Lamb we will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, we will sing, we will sing, while millions join the theme, we will sing!**

The Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Rev. David Chafin

For the Word of God in its challenge and conviction...

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Chafin

Discipline of Silence

"I imagine Lent for you and for me as a great departure from the greedy, anxious antineighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other, a great departure from self-indulgent consumerism that devours creation. And then an arrival in a new neighborhood, because it is a gift to be simple, it is a gift to be free; it is a gift to come down where we ought to be."

--Walter Brueggemann, *A Way Other Than Our Own*

Hymn of Communion

*Change Our Hearts, O God*

CHANGE OUR HEARTS

Remembrance of Ashes

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Commune		Pastor Jindra
Prayer		Rev. Russell
Words of Institution		Pastor Jindra
Hymn of Commitment 642	<i>How Long, O God, How Long?</i>	TAFT STREET
Pastoral Benediction		Rev. Chafin
Postlude	<i>Passion Chorale Dismissal</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

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