

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Avondale United Methodist Church

Wandering Heart "Tune my heart"

Every Sunday: Small Groups @ 9 a.m. | Worship @ 10:10 a.m. | Prayer Circle @ 11:20 a.m.

Gathering Music

What Wondrous Love Is This

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Welcome & Introduction

Opening Meditation

Tune My Heart

* Song of Faith

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 51:1-17 (NRSVUE)

Reflection

Create in me ...

Scripture Reprise

Psalm 51:1-17 (CEB)

Reflection

As we spend some time reflecting on God's Word from Psalm 51, I encourage you to meditate and perhaps journal on the questions in your worship guide. They are taken from the daily devotion cards written by Rev. Sarah A. Speed.

- ✦ What habit, mindset, or emotion would you like to leave behind this Lenten season?

- ✦ If you could give your faith life a "tune up," what would you focus on? What would you hope to strengthen or improve?

- ✦ The Psalmist prays, "Create in me a clean heart, O God: (Ps. 51:10). What is your prayer for yourself this Lenten season?"

- ✦ Tune into yourself. How are you feeling emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and physically? What is weighing you down? What is giving you life?

Chorus

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Imposition of Ashes

Chorus Reprise

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Create in me a clean heart O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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* Song of Faith

Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes

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Sunday’s palms are Wednesday’s ashes
as another Lent begins;
thus we kneel before our 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 are jealous, proud, impatient,
loving overmuch our things;
may the yielding of our failings
be our Lenten offerings.

We have failed to love our neighbors,
their offences to forgive,
have not listened to their troubles,
nor have cared just how they live,

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!

Blessing

Parting Music

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak
Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Ministers: The People
Tech Team: Brent Henry

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