



Edmonds United  Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018

Order of Service

Welcome! Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask an usher if you would like to try one this evening. As a courtesy to other worshippers, please turn your cell phone's ringer off. Thank you!

Prelude *What Wondrous Love Is This* Hyun-Ja Choi
arr. Larry Shackley and Bill Wolaver

Call To Worship Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

***Opening Hymn** *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* Red Hymnal #269

***Opening Prayer** *(by Lisa Frenz)* Pastor Clarissa

Anthem *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee* Chancel Choir
J.S. Bach

Scripture Joel 2:12-16, 28-32a

Pastor Clarissa

Meditation *Seven Stories, Seven Stones*

Rev. Dr. Sandy Brown

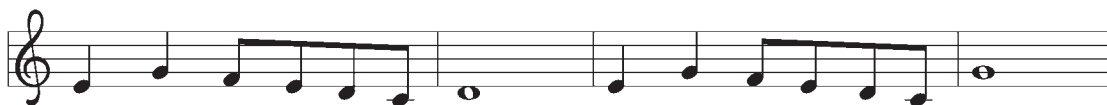
Seven Forties of the Bible
Representing the Seven Sundays until Easter
After Reading, Each Reader Places One Stone on the Altar

1. Forty Days of Listening

David Ellis

Moses on Mt. Sinai for forty days and nights (Exodus 24:15-18; 34:27-28)

Sung Response *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am*
John L. Bell



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

2. Forty Days of Purging Out Unfaithfulness

Susan Morrow

Wandering in the wilderness on the way to the Promised Land for forty years (Numbers 14:32-35)

Sung Response *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am*

3. Forty Days of Speaking Out

Stan Gent

Proclaiming God's Word to others (Jonah 3:1-5)

Sung Response *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am*

4. Forty Days of Rest

Jeanne Will

God allows the land of Canaan to rest for 40 years (Judges 3:9-11)

Sung Response *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am*

5. Forty Days of Recovery from Discouragement

Shannon Speight

Fed by God (1 Kings 19:4-8)

Sung Response *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am*

6. Forty Days of Introspection

Nora Carlson

Tempted in the desert (Luke 4:1-4)

Sung Response *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am*

7. Forty Days of Wonder

Luke Van de Krol

Meeting the Resurrected Lord (Acts 1:3-8)

Sung Response *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am*

Silent Reflection of Three Minutes

During this time all in attendance are invited to write their Lenten intention on the piece of rice paper included with the bulletin. At the conclusion, the ushers will collect the papers.

Anthem *I Need Thee Every Hour*
arr. John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

During the anthem the Lenten intentions are burned on the altar.

Communion and Marking

Invitation to the Table

Pastor Clarissa

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor Sandy

Words of Institution

Pastor Clarissa and Sandy

Our Lord's Prayer

The Receiving and Marking

Pastor Clarissa

All are invited to come forward at the invitation of the ushers and to kneel, if able, at the chancel steps. There, each person is invited to partake of communion by dipping the bread into the cup. After partaking, a member of the clergy will mark a cross on each forehead with the traditional imposition of ashes from the altar. After being marked, participants return to their seats.

**Please stand if it's comfortable for you to do so*

***Closing Song** *Here I Am, Lord*

Red Hymnal #593

Unison Closing Prayer (seated)

The Polishing of Stones Begins

The stones are placed inside the stone polisher, which is turned on and begins its Lenten work of polishing the stones.

Postlude *Out of the Depths I Cry, Lord, to Thee (Aus der Tiefe rufe ich)* Hyun-Ja Choi
C.P.E. Bach (1714-1788)

~You are always welcome to be seated and enjoy the postlude~

Leading Worship Today

Lead Pastor

Rev. Dr. Sandy Brown

Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

Organist

Hyun-Ja Choi

Music Director

David Hendrix

Scripture Readers

David Ellis, Susan Morrow, Stan Gent, Jeanne Will,
Shannon Speight, Nora Carlson, Luke Van de Krol

Communion Assistants

Jessica Pair, Jane Carlson

Ushers

Del Campbell, Keith Skore

Sound & Projection

Ken Pickle



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