

Ash Wednesday  
March 5, 2025  
7:00 PM



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**University Lutheran Church of Hope** is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and a sanctuary congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

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### **Welcome. Peace be with you.**

**We continue our holy experiment.** We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

**For those worshipping in-person, please remember:**

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at [ulch@ulch.org](mailto:ulch@ulch.org).
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor Susan Debner, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); The Hope Choir and Paul Stever (musicians); Eric Ringham (lector); Seth Strudhoff (tech facilitator); Lydia Rapacz, Layla Rapacz (acolytes); Julaine Kobiske (altar guild)

# GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.  
Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.  
ACS refers to *All Creation Sings*, an ELW supplement.

## Prelude

Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping arr. Brenda Portman (2022)

## Welcome

## Land Acknowledgment

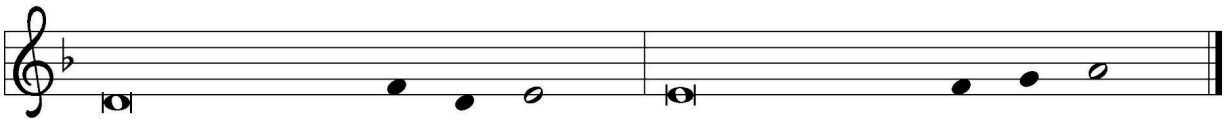
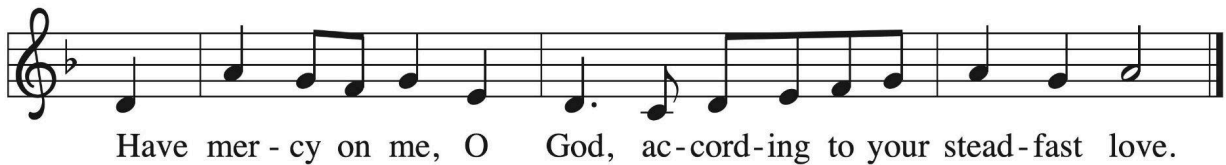
*This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.*

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

## +Psalm 51:1-12

Refrain Music: Robert Buckley Farlee

Refrain (*1st time choir sings, all sing thereafter*)



*Choir sings the odd verses, all sing the Even verses*

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

<sup>4</sup> **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil  
| in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in  
your judgment. REFRAIN**

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup> **Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

<sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

Ten piedad de mí, oh Dios, conforme a tu gran amor;  
conforme a tu misericordia, borra mis transgresiones.

<sup>2</sup> **Lávame de toda mi maldad  
y límpiame de mi pecado.**

<sup>3</sup> Yo reconozco mis transgresiones;  
siempre tengo presente mi pecado.

<sup>4</sup> **Contra ti he pecado, solo contra ti,  
y he hecho lo que es malo ante tus ojos;  
por eso, tu sentencia es justa  
y tu juicio, irrefutable.**

<sup>5</sup> Yo sé que soy pecador de nacimiento;  
pecador, desde que me concibió mi madre.

<sup>6</sup> **Yo sé que tú amas la verdad en lo íntimo;  
en lo secreto me has enseñado sabiduría.**

<sup>7</sup> Purifícame con hisopo y quedaré limpio;  
lávame y quedaré más blanco que la nieve.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

**REFRAIN**

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

<sup>11</sup> Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

**REFRAIN**

**+Greeting**

God be with you. **And also with you.**

**+Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. God beyond time, **when you created the world, you also breathed life into our dusty bones. When we rush too fast, trying to escape our mortality, you slow us down and teach us to be still. Be present with our whirlwind impatience, our outsized sense of importance, our ash-strewn hopes and dreams. Set the stage for joy in our lives; wait with us until it comes. Amen.**

*from Barn Geese Worship creative resources*

## WORD

### Reading - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near— a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his

¡Toquen la trompeta en Sión; den la voz de alarma en mi santo monte! ¡Tiemblen todos los habitantes del país! Ya viene el día del SEÑOR; en realidad, ya está cerca. Día de tinieblas y oscuridad, día de nubes y densos nubarrones. Como la aurora que se extiende sobre los montes, así avanza un pueblo fuerte y numeroso, pueblo como nunca lo hubo en la antigüedad ni lo habrá en las generaciones futuras. «Ahora bien», afirma el SEÑOR, «vuélvanse a mí de todo corazón, con ayuno, llantos y lamentos». Rásguense el corazón y no las vestiduras. Vuélvanse al SEÑOR su Dios, porque él es misericordioso y compasivo, lento para la ira y lleno de amor, cambia de parecer y no castiga. Tal vez Dios reconsiderare y cambie de parecer, y deje tras de sí una bendición. Las ofrendas de cereales y las ofrendas líquidas son del SEÑOR su Dios. ¡Toquen la trompeta en Sión! ¡Proclamen el ayuno! ¡Convoquen a una asamblea sagrada! ¡Congreguen al pueblo; consagren la asamblea! ¡Junten a los ancianos del pueblo, reúnan a los pequeños y a los niños de pecho! ¡Que salga

room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Word of God, Word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

de su alcoba el recién casado y la recién casada, de su cámara nupcial! Lloren, sacerdotes, ministros del SEÑOR, entre la entrada y el altar; y digan: «Compadécete, SEÑOR, de tu pueblo. No entregues tu propiedad como objeto de burla, para que las naciones no se burlen de ella. ¿Por qué ha decir brán de entre los pueblos: "Dónde está su Dios?"»

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.  
**Demos gracias a Dios.**

**Hymn** Remember That You Are Dust (*Echo, at the lead of the cantor*) ACS 919, Mark Mummert (2009)

**+Gospel Reading** - Matthew 6:1, 16-21, NRSVue, Emended, adapted

The gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Abba God in heaven. "And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Abba God who is in secret, and your God who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

»Cuídense de no hacer sus obras de justicia delante de la gente para llamar la atención. Si actúan así, su Padre que está en el cielo no les dará ninguna recompensa.» Cuando ayunen, no pongan cara triste como hacen los hipócritas, que demudan sus rostros para mostrar que están ayunando. Les aseguro que estos ya han obtenido toda su recompensa. Pero tú, cuando ayunes, perfúmate la cabeza y lávate la cara para que no sea evidente ante los demás que estás ayunando, sino solo ante tu Padre, que está en lo secreto; y tu Padre, que ve lo que se hace en secreto, te recompensará. »No acumulen para sí tesoros en la tierra, donde la polilla y el óxido destruyen, y donde los ladrones se meten a robar. Más bien, acumulen para sí tesoros en el cielo, donde ni la polilla ni el óxido carcomen, ni los ladrones se meten a robar. Porque donde esté tu tesoro, allí estará también tu corazón.

El Evangelio del Señor.  
**Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

**Homily** - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

**+Hymn of the Day** All Things of Dust to Dust Return ACS 920, Text: Thomas Troeger (2009)  
Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)



1 All things of dust to dust re - turn on earth and in the sky.  
2 Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may com-pre-hend  
3 Lord, mark up - on my brow this sign: a stark and bar-ren cross



The hot - test, bright - est suns that burn in time grow dim and die.  
that ev - 'ry mo - ment here and now links me to that same end  
re - mind - ing me that though di - vine you know my pain and loss,



The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the new - born young that play,  
I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire  
and at the touch of dust and ash a - wake my heart to view



the leaves that fill the for - est floor re - vert to dust and clay.  
yet by their wan - ing light dis - cern your own un - dy - ing fire.  
how death it - self is but a flash that dies a - way in you.

## Confession of Sin

*For confession, we invite you to kneel or sit or stand, whatever posture feels most right to you.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another, saying: **Have mercy on us.**

Gracious God, we confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves to the powers of sin.

**Have mercy on us.**

You call us into community, but we are scattered.

**Have mercy on us.**

You demand we care for the least of these, but we are swayed by wealth and power.

**Have mercy on us.**

You made us to live in relationship with creation, but we think of ourselves as separate.

**Have mercy on us.**

You invite us to follow Jesus, but we have lost our way.

**Have mercy on us.**

We repent and turn to you.

**Have mercy on us.**

Confesemos nuestro pecado en presencia de Dios y unos de otros, diciendo: **Ten piedad de nosotros.**

Dios misericordioso, confesamos que nos hemos apartado de ti y nos entregamos a los poderes del pecado. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**

Nos llamas a la comunidad, pero estamos dispersos. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**

Exiges que nos preocupemos por los más pequeños, pero nos dejamos llevar por la riqueza y el poder. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**

Nos creaste para vivir en armonía con la creación, pero hemos fracasado. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**

Nos invitas a seguir a Jesús, pero hemos perdido el rumbo. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**

Nos arrepentimos y recurrimos a ti. **Ten piedad de nosotros.**

## Imposition of Ashes

*The ashes of this day are a visible reminder of our fragility, our sin, our mortality; a sign of our need for a Savior. You may come forward to receive ashes on your forehead or hand. For those at home, you may mark the cross on your own forehead or the forehead or hand of those with you, saying the words below:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*Recuerda que eres polvo y en polvo te convertirás.*

*Silence for personal reflection.*

**Music During the Imposition** Psalm 51 Meditation for piano by John Carter (2013)

Psalm paraphrase by Mary Kay Beall: *Forgive me, Lord. Wash me and make me clean. Change my heart. Draw me close to you. Restore my joy. Touch my lips and I will sing your praise.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through + Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*During this season, we are remaining seated for these prayers. Following each petition:*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

## MEAL

### Offertory

Dust I Am

Mark Miller (2020)

Text by Lindy Thompson

*Thank you for your continued generosity! Donations may be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. A QR code is available on the last page of the bulletin.*

### +The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to our God.**

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

### +Words of Institution

### +The Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra**

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

## Holy Communion

*We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.*

### ***If you are at home and sitting with others...***

*When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

### ***If you are at home on your own...***

*Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

### ***If you are worshiping in-person today...***

*We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. A blessing is always an option. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.*

### ***If you seek healing prayers today...***

*A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, and light candles for situations around the world and close to home.*

**Music During Communion** O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days ELW 319  
Savior, When in Dust to You ELW 601

## **+Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray: Embodied God, **at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

## SENDING

**+Sending Hymn** Bless Now, O God, the Journey ELW 326

## **+Blessing**

May the blessing of our Wonderful Maker, who wove your body in the depths of the earth, hems you in, behind and before, and will knit you back together be with you + today and every day. **Amen.**

## +Dismissal

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.


**Thanks be to God!**

*Depart in quiet, or remain to pray.*

## Worship During Lent

Please join us for Sunday services at 10:30am (Sanctuary/YouTube/Zoom).

Evening services Wednesdays March 12 at 6:30pm, March 19 at 12:30pm and March 26, April 2, and 9 at 6:30pm (Chapel/YouTube for 6:30pm services. In person only March 19).

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