

Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026
6:30 PM



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 with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshiping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome to all!

For those worshiping 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.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families at the front of the sanctuary. 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.

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.

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

O God, You Search Me Bernadette Ferrell (1994), arr. Lasky (2020)

Welcome and Invitation to Lent

Psalm 51:1-12

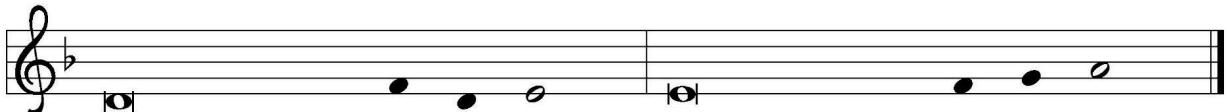
Refrain Music: Robert Buckley Farlee

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



Have mer - cy on me, O God, ac-cord-ing to your stead-fast love.

Choir sings the odd verses, all sing the Even verses



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

² **Wash me through and through |from my wickedness,**
and cleanse me | from my sin.

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

⁴ **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**

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

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

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

⁸ **Let me hear | joy and gladness;**
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

REFRAIN

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

² **Lávame de toda mi maldad**
y límpiate de mi pecado.

³ Yo reconozco mis transgresiones;
siempre tengo presente mi pecado.

⁴ **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, irreprochable.

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

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

⁷ Purifícame con hisopo y quedaré limpio;
lávame y quedaré más blanco que la nieve.

⁸ **Anúnciate gozo y alegría;**
infunde gozo en estos huesos que has
quebrantado.

⁹ Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean | heart, O God,**
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

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

¹² **Restore to me the joy of | your salvation**
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

REFRAIN

⁹ Aparta tu rostro de mis pecados
y borra toda mi maldad.

¹⁰ **Crea en mí, oh Dios, un corazón limpio**
y renueva un espíritu firme dentro de mí.

¹¹ No me alejes de tu presencia
ni me quites tu Santo Espíritu.

¹² **Devuélveme la alegría de tu salvación;**
que un espíritu de obediencia me sostenga.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you call us to repentance, and we have come. This Lent, let repentance be more than a feeling of obligation, a token phrase, or a good intention. Use repentance to draw us back to you, who always meet our wrongdoing with forgiveness and grace. We pray trusting in Jesus' mercy and might. **Amen.**

from *Barn Geese Worship, "All In" Lenten resources*

WORD

Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

+Gospel Reading - Matthew 6:1-21, NRSVue

The gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “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. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “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. But whenever you pray, go into your room and

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. »Por eso, cuando des a los necesitados, no lo anuncies al son de trompeta, como lo hacen los hipócritas en las sinagogas y en las calles para que la gente les rinda homenaje. Les aseguro que ellos ya han recibido toda su recompensa. Más bien, cuando des a los necesitados, que no se entere tu mano izquierda de lo que hace la derecha, para que tu limosna sea en secreto. Así tu Padre, que ve lo que se hace en secreto, te recompensará. »Cuando oren, no sean como los hipócritas, porque a ellos les encanta orar de pie en las sinagogas y en las esquinas de las plazas para que la gente los vea. Les aseguro que ya han obtenido toda su recompensa. Pero tú, cuando te pongas a

shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. “Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. “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 Father who is in secret, and your Father 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.

Homily - “All in for Repentance”

Rev. Amanda Simons

+Hymn of the Day

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

+Confession of Sin

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

God knows our hearts, the guilt we carry, the heartache that keeps us awake, the burdens we bear. God knows that “happy are they who are forgiven,” and so we confess in confidence of God’s forgiveness.

Good and gracious God,

We have sinned and fallen short of the good you desire for us and for all creation.

orar, entra en tu cuarto, cierra la puerta y ora a tu Padre, que está en lo secreto. Así tu Padre, que ve lo que se hace en secreto, te recompensará. Y al orar, no hablen solo por hablar como hacen los gentiles, porque ellos se imaginan que serán escuchados por sus muchas palabras. No sean como ellos, porque su Padre sabe lo que ustedes necesitan antes de que se lo pidan. »Ustedes deben orar así: »“Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan cotidiano. Perdónanos nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros hemos perdonado a nuestros ofensores. Y no nos dejes caer en tentación, sino lábranos del maligno”. »Porque si perdonan a otros sus ofensas, también los perdonará a ustedes su Padre celestial. Pero si no perdonan a otros sus ofensas, tampoco su Padre perdonará a ustedes las suyas. »Cuando ayunen, no pongan cara triste como hacen los hipócritas, que cambian 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!

We have seen the earth as resources to extract and forgotten to marvel at its beauty.
We have doubted your ability to provide and hoarded more than we need.
We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable, and when you called us to follow you to
greatest wonders, we remained where we were and clung to control.
Forgive our sin and our selfishness.

+**Imposition of Ashes**

As a sign of our desire to repent, we offer the imposition of ashes to those gathered today. These ashes are a visible reminder of our sin, mortality, and 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 hand, saying the words, Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

We pray together: God of all, bless these ashes and those who receive them. Let them be a sign of our repentance and of your faithfulness. The mark of Jesus' cross will remind us of how you are all in for us and for the world. May that reminder stay with us even when these ashes are washed away. God of all, bless these ashes and those who receive them. Amen.

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You are welcome to come forward for the imposition of ashes and to sit in silent contemplation in your seat.

After everyone has had an opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes, we will continue with the forgiveness of our sins and prayers of the people.

+Forgiveness of Sin

God of all, **Draw us out of ourselves, more deeply into your love, and more fully into a world in need.**

God knows our sin before we do and meets every confession with abundant grace. In Christ we are alive and forgiven. God's goodness has the final word. May this gift renew our faith and lighten our load so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*During this season, we are remaining seated for these prayers. Following each petition: God of all, **Meet us here.***

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

And also with you.

Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words “Peace be with you” or “La paz del Señor.”

MEAL

Offertory

Evening Prayer

Ola Gjeilo (2014)

Dan Bielenberg, saxophone; Hope Choir

Text by St. Augustine (354-430)

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Jesus Christ; rest your weary ones; bless your dying ones; soothe your suffering ones; pity your afflicted ones; shield your joyous ones; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

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.

+Offertory Prayer

God who provides, we return to you a portion of all that you have given us. Bless and use these gifts, our hands, our hearts, our ministry, to care for the world you so love. Now prepare us to receive you at this table and again in the world beyond our doors. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+Eucharistic Prayer and 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. 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.

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

Music During Communion There Is a Longing in Our Hearts ACS 1078, by Anne Quigley
Cantor sings the verses, All sing the Refrain (printed)

Refrain — All

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.
Restore in Us, O God

ELW 328

+Prayer after Communion

God, you have revealed yourself to us again in the holy mystery of bread and cup. Strengthen us by your presence, draw us closer to one another as the Body of Christ, and send us to reveal you in our all our words and ways. **Amen.**

SENDING

+Sending Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 326

+Blessing

As you have met God in this place, go now to meet God beyond this place. As you have received the love of Jesus, go now to give the love of Jesus. As the Creator has been all in for you, go now and be all in for the sake of the world.

+Dismissal

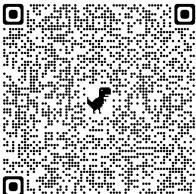
Gracious God bless you as you go. **Amen.**

Depart in quiet, or remain to pray.

Worship During Lent

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

Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 22 at **6:30pm**
(Chapel/In person only). Anointing prayer and time for reflection available after the service.

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Eric Ringham (assisting minister); Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Ruth Hedman, John Lauber, Tim Abrahamson, Jo Schroeder (communion servers); Lynette Lamb (lector); Muffi Abrahamson (greeter); Leena Rapacz (ushers); Juna Evan, Liv Evans (acolytes); Julaine Kobiske (worship prep); Ann Agrimson, John Beane (communion clean-up); Julia Reimann-Perez, Ann Rolle (healing prayer)