

Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-14

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



☞ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra-cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon: *A Prophet's Prescription for Proper Praise*

Words of Institution

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Distribution Music: *Have Your Way With Me; Lead Us Back*

Blessing

**Closing Hymn: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***

Benediction

**Worship Assistants:**

Nathaniel Parrish — Director of Music

Sue O'Brien — Reader

Sarah Bey, Deb Christopher, Polly Jacobson, Ali Parrish, and Greg Tagtow — Vocalists

Vic Ochoa — Acoustic Guitar

Kim Christopher — Bass Guitar

Brittany Harms — Drums



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Living together in God's amazing grace, we invite all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known

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**Prayer Chain**  
Call the church office to have your concern placed on the Prayer Chain.

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**Be Invitational!**  
We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship here at Nazareth.



***A Prophet's Prescription for Proper Praise***

March 1, 2017

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
**March 1, 2017 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Nazareth Worship Center**

Prelude: *Come as You Are*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Preparation Music: *Show Me* (Assad)

Sarah Bey, solo; Jesse Luke, cello

Psalm 51:1-12

**The Exhortation** (*please stand*)

Brothers and Sisters: God created us . . . to experience joy. . . to persevere in your Lenten Discipline.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most holy and merciful Father:

**C: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share with others the faith that is in us,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**C: accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**C: accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**C: accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: *The Wonderful Cross***

*Please be seated.*

**The Imposition of Ashes**

*Those who wish to receive ashes should come forward at the direction of an usher.*

*A pastor or prayer minister will apply ashes to the forehead of each person with these words:*

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

*You may meditate on Psalm 90 on page 588 of your pew Bible during the imposition of ashes.*

*After all have returned to their seats, everyone will stand and the pastor will continue.*

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

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

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

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

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore God to grant us true repentance and the gift of the Holy Spirit; that those things may please God which we do on this day; that the rest of our life may be pure and holy; and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**