



March 5, 2025 6:30 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



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# SERVICE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Prelude Mary Coffman, Accompanist

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

\*Opening Hymn CH #305 (sing twice)

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

\*Responsive Reading Shawn Quick & Congregation

Psalm 90:1-6

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

**P: Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L: You turn us back to dust,  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**P: For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.**

L: You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**P: In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.**

\*Song of Prayer CH #578 (v. 1)

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

Scripture Readings Carol Hedrick

*Jeremiah 18:1-6*

*Romans 7:15-24*

## CONFESSING OUR BROKENNESS

Call to Confession Sharla Hulsey

Confession Hymn CH #339

*"Just as I Am"*

## Prayer of Confession

Shawn Quick & Congregation

L: You asked for my hands  
that you might use them for your purpose.

**P: I gave them for a moment then withdrew them  
for the work was hard.**

L: You asked for my mouth  
to speak out against injustice.

**P: I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

L: You asked for my eyes  
to see the pain of poverty.

**P: I closed them for I did not want to see.**

L: You asked for my life  
that you might work through me.

**P: I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.**

L: Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you,

**P: only when it is convenient for me to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

L: Father,

**P: forgive me,  
renew me,  
send me out  
as a usable instrument  
that I might take seriously  
the meaning of your cross.**

The Sign of Ashes & Prayer Over the Ashes

Sharla Hulsey

Imposition of Ashes

*Please come forward to receive the ashes on your forehead or, if you prefer, the back of  
the hand you write with.*

Silent Meditation

Song of Penitence

CH #594 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

*"Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind"*

## RECOGNIZING THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S GRACE

Scripture Readings

Jennifer Schmehl

*Romans 5:8*

*Romans 8:31-35, 38-39*

Communion Hymn

CH #540

*"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

**\* Please rise as able**

Invitation to the Table

Sharla Hulsey

Prayer at the Table

Shawn Quick

Receiving the Elements

Diaconate

*Everyone is welcome at Christ's Table. Please come forward and receive the elements, then go to the side tables and wash the ashes from your forehead or hand, symbolizing that in Christ our sin and our death are washed away.*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS**

Musical Meditation

Adult Choir

*"Amazing Love"*

Silence

Prayer Response

Unison

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

\*Song of Response

BH #367 (vv. 1, 4)

*"Wherever He Leads I'll Go"*

\*Dismissal

Sharla Hulsey

Postlude

Mary Coffman

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Greeter:** Judy Taylor

**Elder:** Shawn Quick

**Scripture Readers:** Carol Hedrick &

**Deacons:** Bob & Peggy Thomas

Jennifer Schmehl

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

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**LENTEN SERVICES**

*"The Bible Speaks Today"*



**MARCH 12**

*Location:* Church of the Nazarene  
*Preacher:* Mary Love

**MARCH 19**

*Location:* Church of the Nazarene  
*Preacher:* Sharla Hulsey

**MARCH 26**

*Location:* First Christian Church  
*Preacher:* Julie Nelson

**APRIL 2**

*Location:* Ohio St. United Methodist Church  
*Preacher:* Jeremy Henderson

**APRIL 9**

*Location:* First Christian Church  
*Preacher:* Marla Kash

Services at 6 p.m.

A meal will be served after each service.

An offering will be received each night to benefit the Butler Ministerial Alliance's emergency assistance fund.