



God in Your Mercy

God, in your mercy, turn your ear
God, in your mercy, hear us
God of compassion please come near
God, in your mercy, hear us
God, we are dust and our days our few
God, you are making all things new
God, of all time, we turn to you
God, of all mercy, hear us.
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-Soil and Seed Project, 2022

**Remember that you are dust,
And to dust you shall return**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
5:30 PM

Prelude – Micah & Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Welcome - Pastor Kate Heinzl

Call to worship – Bethany (read responsively)

Leader: Have mercy on me O God in your great kindness:
in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offenses.

Wash away all my guilt:
and cleanse me from my sin.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

For I acknowledge my faults:
and my sin is always before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done evil in your sight.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence:
do not take your holy spirit from me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Give me the joy of your help again:
and strengthen me with a willing spirit.
O Lord open my lips:
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Hymn - *God in Your Mercy* (on back)

Confession (read responsively)

We have not loved you with all our heart, and soul, and mind,
and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

We have been deaf to your call to serve.

We have been unfaithful, proud, and hypocritical.

Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

We have loved worldly goods and comforts too much.

We have been dishonest in daily life and work.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

We have neglected prayer and worship, and have failed to
commend the faith that is in us.

Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

We have wasted and polluted your creation, and lacked concern
for those who come after us.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Hymn - *God in Your Mercy* (on back)

Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Meditation - Kate

Imposition of Ashes

Closing prayer (in unison) - Bethany

God we are marked with ashes,
symbols of repentant hearts
and contrite spirits.

We want to be transformed,

to be made new,

to learn the freedom

of serving no other master but You.

Let us heed your call

and walk with Christ

into the wilderness.

Help us to see beneath the surface,

not denial and sacrifice,

not sin and death,

but transformation;

new life in Christ.

Let us seek to be changed,

let us seek to be so transfigured

by your power and glory,

that we desire above all else

to become worthy neighbors

in your new world of peace and justice.

Amen.

-Christine Sine

Please leave the sanctuary in silence