

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
February 26, 2020

7:00 P. M.
Ash Wednesday

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-14

*SPECIAL MUSIC

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Pastor: Creator God, you fashioned us out of dust, breathing
your Spirit into us, so we might sing your praise.

Voice 1: But we have denounced your gift of life in order to be
our own gods, clinging to death-dealing idols of our own
making.

Voice 2: We have denied our creaturely status, seeking to lord it
over those we label “less-than.”

Voice 1: We squelch all who are different through ignoring,
belittling, murdering, and bombing.

Voice 2: We believe survival-of-the-fittest lies, discounting the
weak, and profiting by others’ pain.

Pastor: Not trusting in your providence, we stop our ears to cries
of those in need because we’re afraid we won’t have
enough.

Voice 1: We have been unfaithful stewards, O Lord.

Voice 2: We live in a state of sin among a people of sin.

Voice 1: Save for your grace, we perish.

Voice 2: Remember our making, Creator God; remember we are
dust.

ALL: Have mercy on us according to your loving kindness.
Breathe new life into us once more, so we might be the
people you created us to be. Restore unto us the joy of
your salvation that we might do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose
name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*SPECIAL MUSIC

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, the promises of God are true:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Pastor: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross

People: that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is
good.

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Live now
as new people, free to love God and neighbor.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Joel 2:1-2, 12-14 (pp. 1414-1415)

SERMON “LIVING FROM THE INSIDE OUT”

*APOSTLES’ CREED (SEE PEW POCKETS)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Lord’s Prayer

*Special Music

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

#625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "Rise Up, O Church of God" #293

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG

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