

Choral Response: More Precious than silver

TFWS 2065

LORD you are more precious than silver
LORD you are more costly than gold
LORD you are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with you.
(REPEAT ALL)

EPISTLE READING: II Corinthians 5:20b – 6:2

So we are ambassadors who represent Christ; God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representative, "Be reconciled to God!" God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake; so that through him we could become the righteousness of God."

ANTHEM: "MERCY" **Choir**

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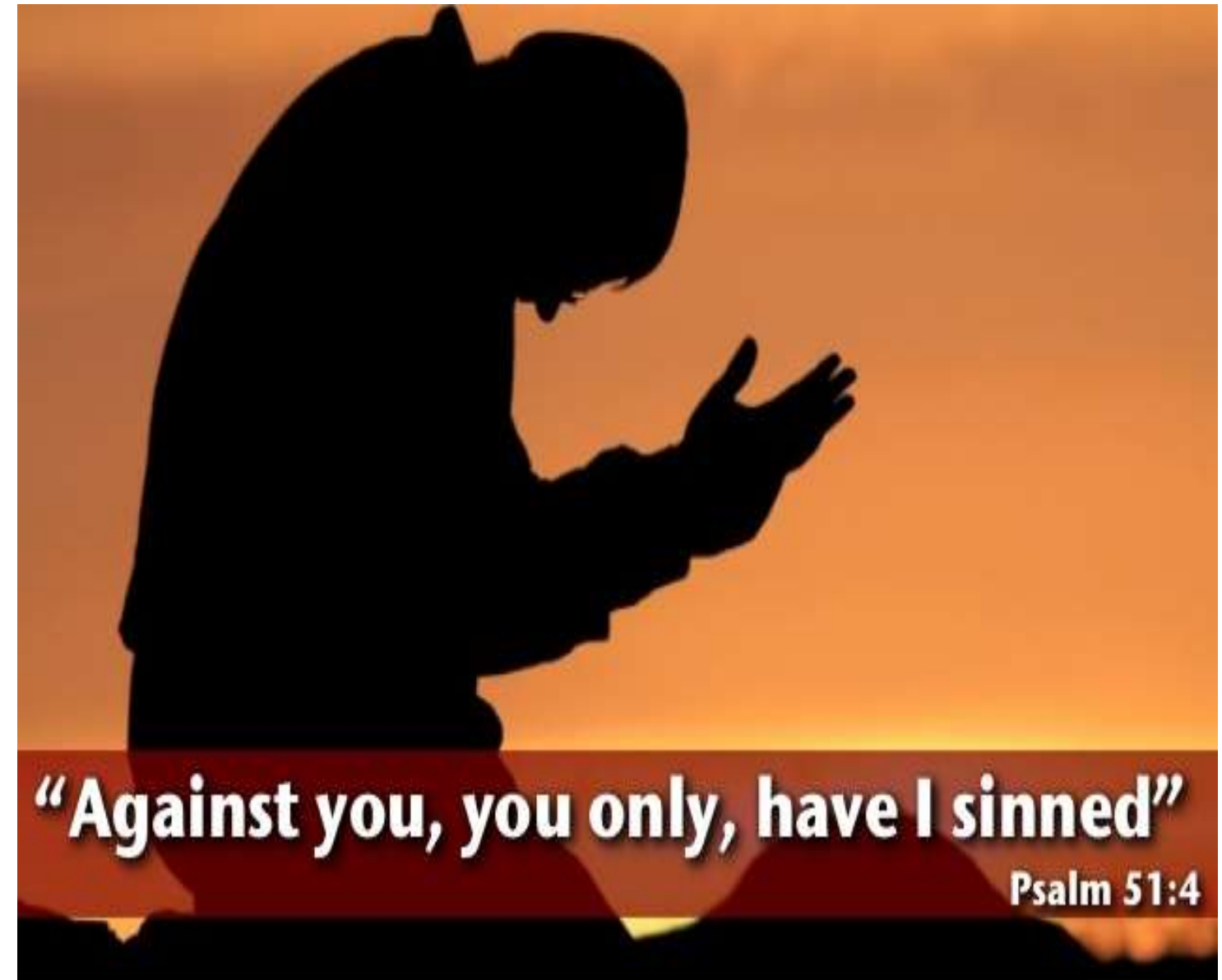
IMPOSITION ASHES

HYMN FREELY, FREELY **UMH 389**

RESPONSE TO THE ASHES: **IN UNISON**

"Since we work together with him, we are also begging you not to receive the grace of God in vain, He says, I listened to you at the right time, and I helped you on the day of salvation. Look, now is the right time! Look, now is the day of salvation!"

Postlude: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross **arr. Smith**



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We answer God's call to impact lives for eternity through ministry, mission, and worship

Ash Wednesday

March 1, 2017 • 7 o'clock in the evening

Prelude: Near the Cross arr. Smith

Call to worship:

“Blow the horn in Zion; give a shout on my holy mountain! Let all the people of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is near --- a day of darkness and no light, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread out upon the mountains, a great and powerful army comes, unlike any that has ever come before them, or will come after them, in centuries ahead.”

Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This (v.1, 2) UMH 292

Call to Repentance

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2: 12-13

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your hearts, with fasting, with weeping, and with sorrow; tear your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, and ready to forgive.”

Kyrie Eleison

Choir

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51)

In Unison

Pastor: Have mercy on me, God,

All: According to your faithful love!

Pastor: Wipe away my wrong doings according to your great compassion!

All: Wash me completely clean of my guilt;

Pastor: Purify me from my sin!

All: Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me

MEN: I've sinned against you—you alone;
I've committed evil in your sight
That's why you are justified when you render your verdict
Completely correct when you issue your judgment.

WOMEN: Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin
From the moment my mother's conceived me
And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places.
You teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

ALL: Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean;
Wash me and I will be whiter than snow;
Let me hear joy and celebration again;
Let the bones you crushed rejoice once more;
Hide your face from my sins;
Wipe away all my guilty deeds!

Pastor: Create a clean heart for me, God;

ALL: Put a new faithful spirit deep inside me!

Pastor: Please don't throw me out of your presences;

ALL: Please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

Pastor: Return the joy of your salvation to me

ALL: And sustain me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach wrongdoers your ways
And sinners will come back to you.

Choral Response: Change My Heart Oh God!

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Change my heart, O God, make it ever true

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God

Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 6: 19-21

Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect treasure for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.