

Please Pray for the Following People:

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Christopher Bost
Family of Elmo Bradfield
Jason Calhoun
Pete Chambers
Robin Daniel
Arnold & Barbara Darden
Katie Darden
John Grizzell
Sarah & Zac Hemmila
Elaine Howard
Skip & Laura Lamb
Charles & Susan Maddox
Russell Mathuss
Cathy McCard
Allison Parrish
Bobbie Sirmons



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

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*If you are interested in church membership,
or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation,
please speak with one of our elders.*



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February 17, 2021

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

"At Sunset"

(Rick Robertson)
Rick Robertson, piano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

May Almighty God, who of great mercy has promised to forgive all who truly repent and in true faith turn unto the Lord, strengthen you in all goodness and bring you at last into the fullness of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7: 1-5

MESSAGE

Rev. Dave Omerod

EXAMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL SINS

Please take a few moments of silence to examine your lives before God. The following list will help you to reflect. You may take this time to write down or simply speak aloud your personal reflections and confession:

SINS AGAINST OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD

- ◆ Pride, self-satisfaction, self-righteousness, hard-heartedness
- ◆ Worship: more performance than true devotion
- ◆ Controlled by fear and anxiety rather than by faith
- ◆ Holding back our money in fear of not having enough in the future
- ◆ Too little time spent one-on-one with my Lord
- ◆ Neglect of prayer, the Word, spiritual direction
- ◆ Idolatry—gaining meaning from things instead of from God
- ◆ Hypocrisy, inauthenticity
- ◆ Joyless labor in God’s house instead of joyful work by God’s side
- ◆ Allowing the world to change us instead of our changing the world
- ◆ Not giving God first consideration in all decisions
- ◆ Slowness to acknowledge and confess my sins...

SINS AGAINST OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER

- ◆ Lack of love for each other; little true connection between us;
- ◆ Demanding total agreement; allowing others to be demonized for holding different opinions
- ◆ Judgmental spirit, lack of grace, rigidity, being overly demanding
- ◆ Talking more than listening
- ◆ Gossiping
- ◆ Complaining
- ◆ Not taking in what the other is saying and weighing it in Holy Spirit and instead reacting immediately against it
- ◆ Leaders not bringing prophetic challenges to people ...

SINS AGAINST OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

- ◆ Lack of sacrificial service to the poor and oppressed
- ◆ Separating ourselves from the world so that we don’t see social problems that keep people oppressed and captive

- ◆ Weak engagement with those who set social policies
- ◆ Lack of passion for those who don’t know Jesus; failure to build bridges of relationships through service
- ◆ Failure to call others to live in accord with God’s sovereign rule as characterized by love and justice and shalom for all
- ◆ Lack of vision for the church in our city/region
- ◆ Weakness in intercessory prayer for others and our ministries
- ◆ Lack of equal respect for all cultures, and between each
- ◆ Consumer mentality, allowing our possessions to own us instead of investing in Kingdom work
- ◆ Laziness – “Let someone else do it.”
- ◆ Failure to live as good stewards of the earth and all God has provided for us to share with one another
- ◆ Acceptance of and acquiescence to social sins that enslave and hurt others—pornography, slave labor practices, domestic violence, genocide, war, limiting access to food, housing, healthcare, etc.
- ◆ Refusing to blow the whistle on social and personal sin so that others may know God’s love for all ...

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS AND CONFESSION (one minute of silence)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

If you have ashes available, take this moment to trace the sign of the cross on your forehead and repeat these words: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (if you do not have ashes, you may simply use oil)

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

“O Come to the Altar”
Lynn and Annie Pauley

*Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.*

*Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.*

*O come to the altar the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious
blood of Jesus Christ.*

*Leave behind your regrets and mistakes,
come today there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.*

*Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy,
from the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.*

*O come to the altar the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious
blood of Jesus Christ.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51: 1-17

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.
His Word shall not fail you--He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Savior, When in Dust to Thee” (arr. Terry Osman)
Rick Robertson, piano