

February 18th, 2015
Ash Wednesday

THE PARABLES OF LENT

RECEIVE JUSTIFICATION

THE PARABLE *of the* PHARISEE
and the TAX COLLECTOR



The Federated Church of Paxton
6:30p.m. Worship Service



Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 18th, 2015 - 6:30pm
Federated Church • Paxton, IL

Opening Prayer

One: In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself so that we receive mercy.

All: Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

One: In this holy season the Son of God prays for us so that we are made one with him and each other.

All: Help me to faithfully pray, O God, that my prayers would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

One: In this holy season the Son of God lives a perfect life so that we receive his perfection.

All: Fill me with your Spirit, O God, that my life and actions would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

One: In this holy season the Son of God enters into his Passion and death so that we are exalted.

All: Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

Let us gladly live with Jesus; since he's risen from the dead, Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our Head. We are truly thine own members; where thou livest, there live we. Take and own us constantly, faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren. Jesus, here I live to thee, also there eternally.

The Imposition of Ashes

Confession and Absolution

One: Having been reminded that we are dust, and to dust we shall return, let us confess our sins:

All: Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. The root of our sin is pride, and pride has made us love ourselves more than we love you or others. Too often we believe that our lives are acceptable to you, when in reality they are not. We have sinned against you by speaking selfish words, by thinking selfish

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

thoughts and by taking selfish action. We have failed to love others more than ourselves and you above all else. Have mercy on us sinners.

One: Since we cannot justify ourselves, our God sent his one and only Son to live a perfect life and die the death we deserved. Because of his generous grace, our sinful pride and all other sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Daniel 9:16-19

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 5:6-11

***Gospel Reading** Luke 18:9-14

Sermon Hymn

We listen as the Word like scattered seed is sown,
For as each parable is heard Christ's kingdom is made known.

The tax man prays alone, the Pharisee with pride.
Which prayer is heard before the throne? Which man is justified?

In ev'ry time of need, before the judgment throne,
Your work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, your merits, not my own.

Message

Offering *(to be accepted as each come forward)*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn**

Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, you have borne the pain of all.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you;
May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified.

***Benediction**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, February 18th

Office Hours, Noon - 4pm

Ash Wednesday Service/Distribution
of Ashes/Communion, 6:30pm

Thursday, February 19th

Office Hours, 1pm - 4pm

Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm
at Grace Funk's Home

Sunday, February 22nd

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Youth Sunday School, 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

PHCR Srvc, 1:30pm (Elder, Jackie Roy)

Monday, February 23rd

March Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 25th

Office Hours, Noon - 4pm

Soup, 6:00pm

Devotions, 6:30pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

February

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3rd - Russ & Nancy Taylor Ann.

6th - Eric Funk

9th - Laura Adkins

10th - Maxine Anderson

25th - Robin Niewold



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*Wed. Lenten Services starting
Feb. 25th with 6pm soup/relish/
cookies and devotions at 6:30pm*

*The lessons will be on
"The Parables of Jesus."*

Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders

February - Rhodes & Lawrence

March - Funks

***Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing and faith
for these friends and family members***

Janet Goudy, David Clampitt, Kevin Rossler, Mike Johnsen,
Gayle Dunahee, Matthew Swearingen, Barb Legener, Ann Cofel

Homebound or in Adult Health Care Facilities

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

**For the month of February, please bring peanut butter, soup & crackers
for the Food Pantry.**

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

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