

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP  
UNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

JUST AS I AM  
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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

REV. JOE MOORE

We give thanks to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**In our union with Christ you have blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.**

Even before the world was made, you had already chosen us to be yours through Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before you.

**We praise you for your glorious grace, for the free gift you gave us in your dear Son!**

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

No. 328 (BH)

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I Am,"  
while millions join the theme, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on!*

Lord Jesus, we come before you in humble confession. Help us conform our lives to you as the model for holy and righteous living.

**Forgive us for our desire for personal greatness, for our attempts to make gods of ourselves, for our willingness to exalt ourselves at the expense of others and for our resistance to serving one another as you have served us.**

Forgive us for making light of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross by living an undisciplined and indifferent Christian witness; forgive us for yielding to fear rather than relying on your strength to take the risks of discipleship.

**Forgive us, dear Jesus, for times when we have not looked to you as our Lord, and for allowing the clamoring distractions of the world to become higher priorities than you. Forgive us for yielding more to the pressures of this world than being transformed by your lordship over our lives.**

Hear us now as we offer the silent confession of our sins.

SILENT CONFESSION

Hymn                      Most Holy Lord and God                      No. 112 (RH)

*Most holy Lord and God, Holy, Almighty God,  
holy and most merciful Savior, our eternal God!  
Grant that we may never lose the comforts from your death.  
Have mercy, O Lord.*

*Most holy Lord and God, Holy, Almighty God,  
holy and most merciful Savior, our eternal God!  
Bless thy congregation through thy sufferings, death, and blood.  
Have mercy, O Lord.*

*Most holy Lord and God, Holy, Almighty God,  
holy and most merciful Savior, our eternal God!  
Lamb of God unspotted, to our prayers, O lend an ear.  
Have mercy, O Lord.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence,

**and do not take your holy spirit from me.**



Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(All shall partake of the bread.)

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence,  
By the holy sacraments,  
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All shall partake of the cup.)

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Grant to us your peace. Amen.**

**Hymn**

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*See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

**Until he comes.**

When we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, which was against us and which stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

**Since we have been raised with Christ, let us set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.**

