



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

7pm ~ March 6, 2019

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SCHENECTADY**

**POLING CHAPEL**

*You are invited to extend and receive welcome  
and quietly prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE

*O Breathing Light*

Liam Battjes

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

WORSHIP ORIENTATION

SCRIPTURAL SONG *Micah 6:8*

**God has shown you (echo) O People (echo)  
What is good and what the Lord requires of you. (2x)  
But to do justice (echo) and to love kindness (echo)  
And to walk humbly with our God. (2x)**

LITANY OF PENITENCE

**Holy and merciful God,  
we come to you  
confessing we have sinned  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone....**



*Greek* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
*English* Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - - son.  
Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - - cy.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and strength.  
We have not expressed the mind of Christ.**

**We have not stayed in step with the Spirit....**

*Kyrie eleision...*

**Our lives are distorted and the lives of others diminished by our self-indulgence and sloth,  
pride and privilege,  
fearfulness and faithlessness,  
avoidance of our kin,  
apathy towards other species,  
degradation of your creation,  
and disregard for future generations....**

*Kyrie eleision...*

**O God our Savior, amidst our being overwhelmed  
by our individual and collective transgressions,  
by the harm that we have caused our neighbors near and far,  
by the persistence of evil in our lives and in the world,  
we seek your mercy, illumination, and might....**

*Kyrie eleison...*

**Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord,  
guide us by your Word,  
and strengthen us in your Spirit,  
so that we may increasingly discern  
and do the fast acceptable to you  
and so embody your love for the world.  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING     *Isaiah 58:1-12*

HOMILY

Daniel Carlson

REFLECTION

(\*)THE IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

You are dust and to dust you shall return...  
In baptism you were sealed with the Holy Spirit  
and marked + as Christ's own forever.  
**Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER *O Breathing Light*

**O Breathing Light, O Name that shines,  
reveal a space for presence here.  
Envision now what can become.  
Reveal your love in hope and form.**

**Manifest wisdom through our lives.  
Give food to meet this moment's need.  
Unbid our hearts from failure's chains,  
as we let go of other's wrongs.**

**Help us be mindful of our Source,  
alert and thankful for each breath.  
From you comes power, dream and song,  
to be the peace for which we long.**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION