

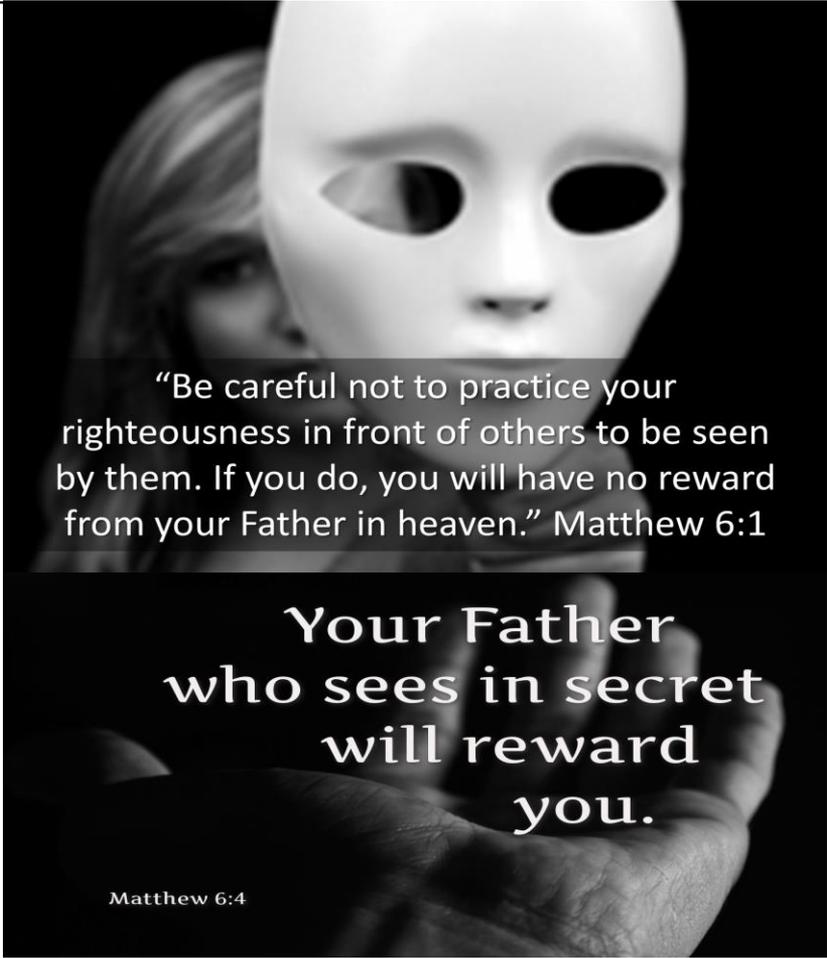
Ash Wednesday Service

14 February 2018

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St. John's Evangelical Church

Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ



“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.” Matthew 6:1

Your Father
who sees in secret
will reward
you.

Matthew 6:4

Ash Wednesday Worship



Ash Wednesday Meditation

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a
broken spirit; a broken and
contrite heart, O God, you
will not despise.

Prelude

Introduction to this Evening's Service

Introduction to our Lenten Theme

We Are Purple

Greeting

Leader: The peace and reconciliation of the merciful Father
be always with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Scripture

Proverbs 16:1-7

Reflection

Turn From Evil

Prayer of Confession

Blessing of the Ashes

Almighty God,

You have created us out of the dust of the earth.

May these ashes remind us of our mortality and penitence, and
teach us again that only by Your gracious gift are we given
everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Imposition of the Ashes

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return,
but the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

* Hymn # 353

Nearer, Still Nearer

Scripture

II Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Reflection

The Favorable Time



Ash Wednesday

Prayer

Prayer Response

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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The Lord's Prayer

*And when thou hast shut thy door, pray to the Father . . . — Matthew 6:6*MALOTTE
Albert Hay Malotte
Arranged by Fred Bock

Matthew 6:9-13

Unison

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed

be Thy name. Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in

heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly

bread, and for - give us our debts as we for-give our

debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de - liv-er us from

e - vil, for Thine is the King-dom and the Pow-er and the

Glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - - men.

The Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We give You thanks because You have loved us and valued us even though we are but dust. You have forgiven our sins, transformed us into Your people, and filled us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, enabling us to live faithfully as Your redeemed and holy people. Therefore, we sing our praise to You for our one hope found in Christ:

Consecration of the Elements

Invitation

Hear now the words of our Compassionate Saviour: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light"

[Matthew 11:28-30].

All who would come to Christ are invited to come to His table.

The CommunionCommunion Meditation: **John 3:16-17**

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

* Hymn #236

The Old Rugged Cross

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus Christ, You loved us while we were yet sinners, and have called us to love others, to bring hope to a broken world. Help us each day to be Your people and to live lives of uncommon faith and love. You are the Lord forevermore. Amen.

The Anointing



Anointing for the Journey

Scripture

Matthew 6:16-21

Reflection

When You Fast

Blessing the Oil

We consecrate this oil, O God, in Your name, asking that through it Your people may be reminded that they are sealed in Your heart, they are comforted by Your healing power, and they have been set aside to be Your holy people, Your ministers in this broken world. Encourage and strengthen them by Your Spirit to do Your will on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

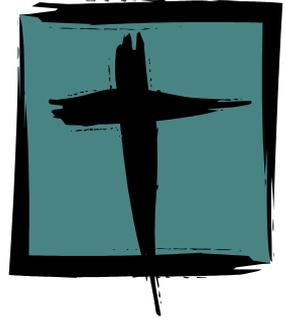
The Anointing

* Hymn #255

Power in the Blood

* Benediction

May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do this. Amen.



* Sharing the Peace

As we leave this day, greet those around you with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be with you".

This ancient tradition is an appropriate response to the peace that God gives to those who hear and do His will, and those words are reminders that we go forth surrounded by a family of God that supports and encourages us in all that we do in the name of Christ.

Postlude

*—Those who are able, please stand.

Offerings may be placed in the collection plates in the Overflow Room.

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 16:1-7 (ESV):

- ¹ The plans of the heart belong to man,
but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.
- ² All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
but the LORD weighs the spirit.
- ³ Commit your work to the LORD,
and your plans will be established.
- ⁴ The LORD has made everything for its purpose,
even the wicked for the day of trouble.
- ⁵ Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD;
be assured, he will not go unpunished.
- ⁶ By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for,
and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.
- ⁷ When a man's ways please the LORD,
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

II Corinthians 5:20-6.10 (ESV):

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For He says,

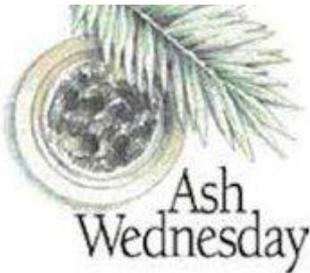
“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Matthew 6:16-21 (ESV):

¹⁶“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



Dear Lord, As we enter
this Solemn and Holy
Season, we pray that
you would send your
Holy Spirit upon us that
we might prepare ourselves
for these coming 40 days of Lent.
Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth
and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so
that we can understand the magnificence of Your
Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your
Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of
Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.



**Epworth United Methodist Church
Sundays at 6:00 PM**

Date & Speaker:

February 18	Jonathan Hanover, Kenton First Methodist
February 25	Randall Forester, St. John's Evangelical Church
March 4	Phil Compton, Rhineheart UMC
March 11	John Dyer, Our Savior's Lutheran Church
March 18	Jason Manns, New Hope



Community Palm Sunday Service –St. John's

The Hardin County Ministerial Association will be sponsoring its annual ecumenical Palm Sunday worship service at St. John's Evangelical Church on Sunday, March 25 at 6:30 PM. The Kenton High School Chorale will also be performing that evening.

The Passion of Christ

St. John's Evangelical Church will present its annual portrayal of "The Passion of Christ." This event will take place Thursday and Friday evening, **March 29 & 30 at 8:00 p.m.**



The Passion of Christ Play is a portrayal of the last week of Christ's life on Earth. It brings to light the emotions of betrayal and abandonment that Christ experienced, as well as, the agony and suffering that Christ endured at the time of His death.

If anyone is interested in being a part of this reenactment, there are a few spots open. If you would like to participate in any capacity, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary. You may also contact Kendra Dilts, Miranda Strous, or Julie Strous.

Rehearsals:

February 18: 1-3 PM in Sanctuary for **scenes 1-3 only**

February 25: 1-3 PM in Sanctuary for **scenes 4-6 only**

March 4, 11, 18, & 25: 1-3 PM in Sanctuary for **ALL**



Easter Worship Schedule:

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

9:30 – 10:15 Youth Easter
Breakfast Fundraiser

10:30 Traditional Worship Service

Blaze's Pizza & Spaghetti House



Open One Night Only-
Saturday, March 24, 2018
5:00-7:00 pm

St. John's Church, 211 East Carrol St.

St. John's will be hosting a benefit dinner for Our Buddy Blaze and his family as he continues his struggle with cancer.

Please come and bring your family on March 24 as we transform our Fellowship Hall into an Italian Pizzeria.



Two types of homemade pizza or spaghetti, dessert and drinks will be available with the proceeds going to his family.

A Prayer of Repentance and Salvation

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for His death on the Cross for my sins and for the sins of the whole world.

I repent of my sins and turn to You for salvation. I surrender my life to You; come live in me.

Change me, cleanse me, forgive me, and make me the person that You want me to be in this world.

I receive You, Jesus Christ, as my personal Lord and Savior, today and forever more.

In Your holy name I pray. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester

Contemporary Worship Leader: Kendra Dilts

Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley

Children's Choir Director: Hope Cauley

Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker

Organists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke, Linda Zeigler

