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SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ash Wednesday 7p

February 17, 2021

Prelude "Give Me Jesus"
Gathering and Greeting

by: Lopez

*Call to Worship:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

*Opening Prayer:

O God, Maker of everything and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of the death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" All verses

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Scripture Lesson Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:20b –6:10

Special Music "Because of Love" Solo by: Millie Frambaugh

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:1 –6, 16–21

Evening Meditation

Pastor Jane Piehl

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline
Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Time of Prayer

*Imposition of Ashes

Confession and Pardon

Psalm 51 (recite all together)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Pastoral prayer

Offering

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into

temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" vs. 1, 3, 4

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach
us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die
to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passion-tide, yea,
evermore, in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude "You Are My All in All"

by: Tornquist

The people may depart in silence.

*Indicates congregation to stand.

Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh

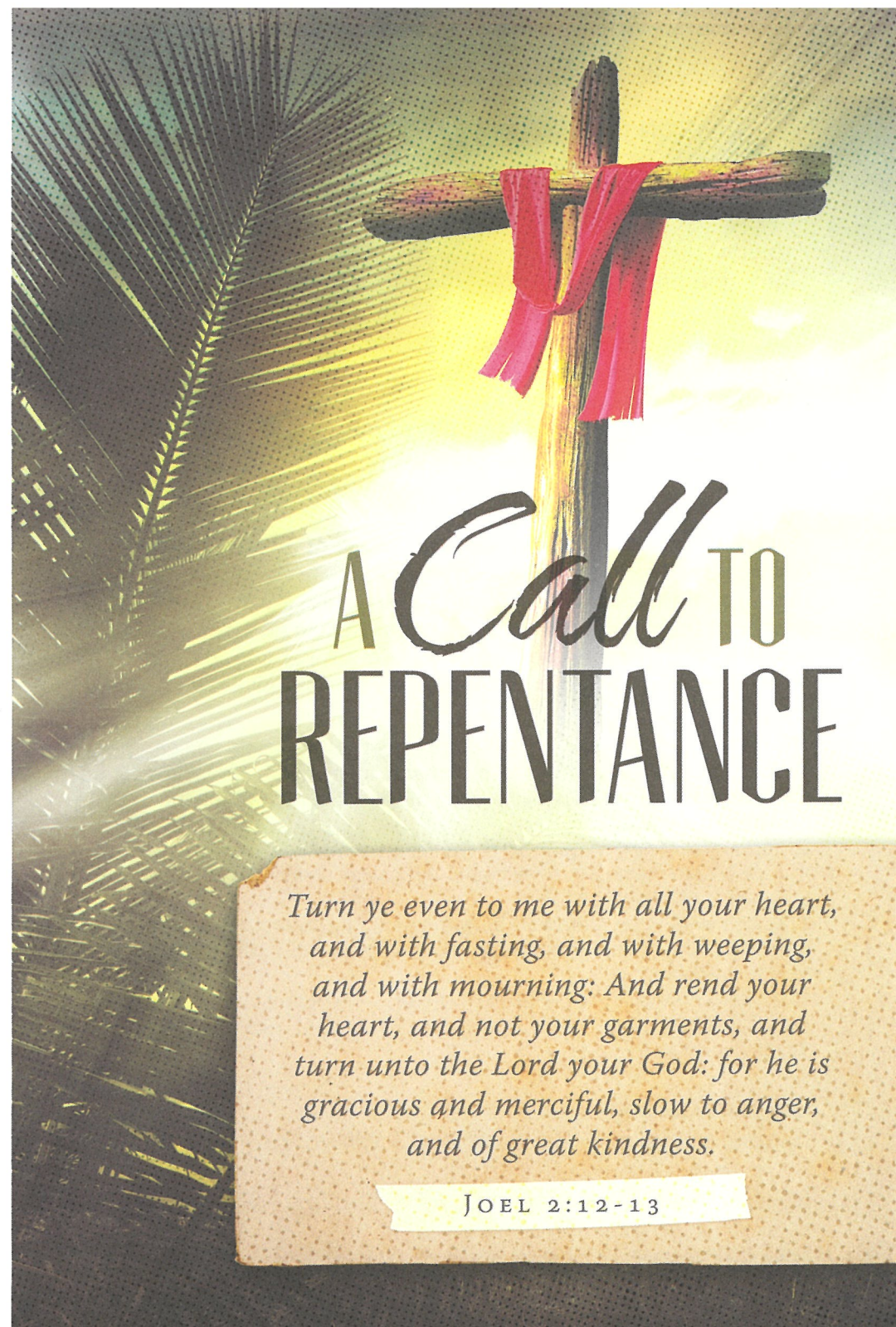
Pastor
Music Director, Pianist

Join us for Lent Services:

March 28	10:30a	Palm Sunday
April 1	7p	Holy Thursday Service
April 2	7p	Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday April 4

Sunrise Service	7a	Prayer Labyrinth
Easter Service	10:30a	Sharon Center UMC



*Turn ye even to me with all your heart,
and with fasting, and with weeping,
and with mourning: And rend your
heart, and not your garments, and
turn unto the Lord your God: for he is
gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and of great kindness.*

JOEL 2:12-13