

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015

Lent begins with ashes.
Is it the sign of the cross?
Or is it a capital "I"
scratched out
forever?

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG

Holy Ground

CALL TO WORSHIP

Once again, as the season of Lent begins,
we are summoned by a gracious and merciful God.

Today, let us respond to God's steadfast love,
calling us into solemn silence.

Let us come before God for self-examination,
bowing in awe before the One who forgives.

Let us approach God in reverence and wonder,
rejoicing in the invitation to this holy place.

Let us walk humbly before God in secret discipline,
praying and fasting and meditating.

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

+HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we journey through this season of Lent, O God of time and we pray that you will inspire us, enter into our lives, live with us so that we may witness in the coming days to your suffering, to and to your crown. We see in every sacrifice, in every act of kindness every good deed, your cross and our salvation. You have clothed and our hearts. You have sewn heaven and earth together in order. Now and always, we pray that the world may come to know your sacrificial love, and for the new life, the real life, the eternal life. Amen.

Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)

Pastor Kelly

see back page

Carol Behrmann

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PEACE

The peace and love of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

COMMISSIONING OF THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMM

Proclaiming THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

"WHAT IF ZEBRAS LOST THEIR STRIPES!"

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Bold: all people respond

Responding to THE WORD

Holy Ground

+HYMN *Amazing Grace* Hymn 280

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using “**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**”)

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 592

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following THE WORD into the World

+HYMN *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Hymn 384

+BENEDICTION

+SENDING SONG *Amen* Hymn 587

+POSTLUDE Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)