



**Prayer of Confession** [*responsive*]

When we forget the fast you desire—  
to do justice, and stand up for the powerless:

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we forget the prayer you love—  
to show compassion, and care for those in need:

**Christ, have mercy.**

When we forget the ritual you require—  
to create relationships of righteousness and peace:

**Lord have mercy.**

**Hear our prayers, O Lord.**

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

**Assurance of Pardon** [*responsive*]

God's love is sure and steadfast,  
always providing a way out,  
a way through,  
a way back to God.

**Through the waters of baptism,  
we have died with Christ and are raised with him.**

**With gratitude, in faith,  
we will walk the way of Christ. Amen.**

**Music for Reflection**      "Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days" Glory to God, #166  
Verses 1 and 3

**We Listen to God's Word**

**Children's Message**

Carolyn Hayes

**Scripture**

**Psalm 51:10–12**

- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Matthew 6:19–21**

<sup>19</sup> ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Leader: This is the Witness to God’s Word. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Spiritual Mothballs**

Rev. Mary Austin

**We Respond to God’s Grace**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offering Song**

“We Are An Offering”

Glory to God, #710

**Prayers of the People and 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**We Depart for Service**

**Announcements and Passing the Peace**

Greeting: “The peace of Christ be with you.”

Response: “And also with you.”

**Commission & Benediction**

**Closing Music**

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Glory to God, #227

**Participating in the service:**

Mr. Stuart Hayes, Worship Leader

Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families, Children's Message

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Rev. Mary Austin

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