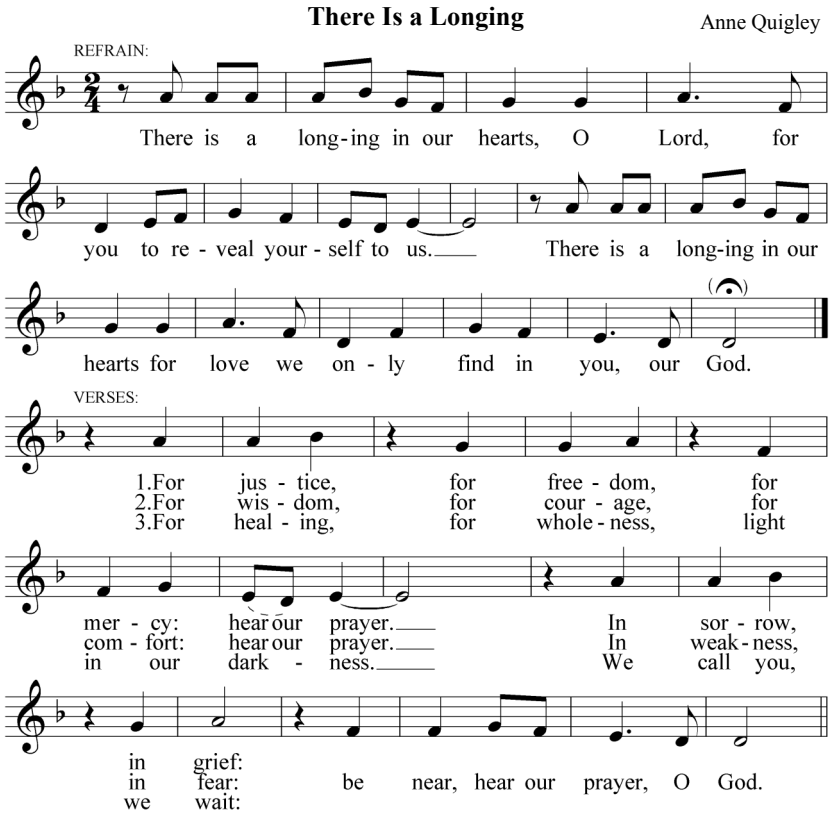
St. John's Baptist Church

February 22, 2012
6:45 p.m.
Ash Wednesday

Music for Prayer and Meditation



Words of Greeting and Meaning

Dennis Foust

Hymn 161

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know *Hendon*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lee Gray

PSALM 66:13-20

One: I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
All: **I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

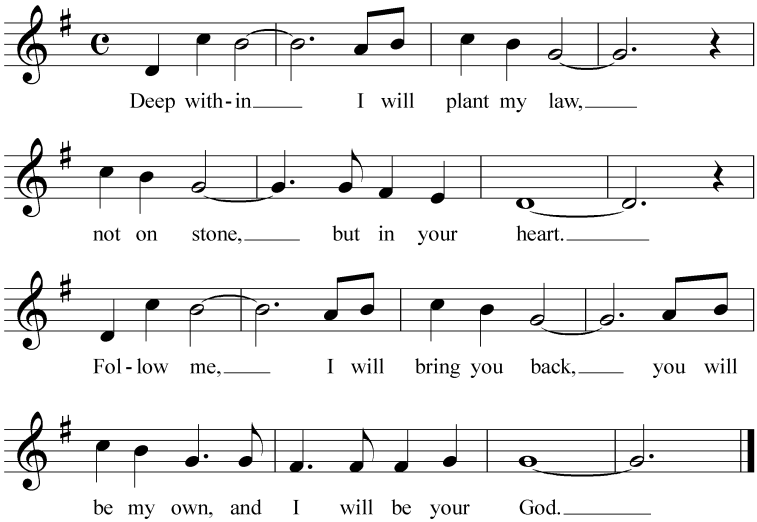
One: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
All: **Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.**

One: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.
All: **If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.**

One: But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
All: **Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

SONG **DEEP WITHIN** David Haas

Warren Howell, Martha Kearse, Rob Peacock



Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 36:26, Joel 2:12

SCRIPTURE READING

Martha Kearse

John 1:4 – 2:4

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist.

HOMILY

"Ashes to Ashes" Dennis Foust

PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

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We offer to you a devotional book for your Lenten pilgrimage this year — **FACE TO FACE WITH OURSELVES: The Cup of Authenticity**, by Dennis W. Foust. It is a collection of readings and reflections for the season and is available here and at other locations around the church.

Lenten Small Group Studies

Beginning Wednesday, February 29th, you have the opportunity to participate in a Lenten Small Group. We will focus on **Inward Disciplines**, **Outward Disciplines** and **Corporate Disciplines**.

The Spiritual Disciplines - Spiritual Gifts of Loss and Change
Leader: Gearlene Hoffman - Wednesdays, 4:30 pm - Room 209. *The Spiritual Gifts of Loss and Change* by Dan Moseley (books available soon). Register by contacting the church office, 704.333.5428, or Gearlene Hoffman at 704.845.4554 or emailhoffmans4@earthlink.net.

The Inward Disciplines
Leader: Tricia Miller - Wednesdays, 6:45 pm - Parlor

The Outward Disciplines
Leaders: Leslie Bragg, Lia Benton - Sundays, 9:15 am - Pathfinder Class

The Corporate Disciplines
Leaders: Shannon Rodden, Sara Vavra, Sondra Hellund - Wednesdays, 6:45 pm - Lounge

The Inward Disciplines
Leader: Paul Huffman - Wednesdays, 6:45 pm, Joy Classroom

Topic to be announced
Leader: Barbara Ledford - Sundays, 9:15 am - Friendship Class

Prayer and *A Praying Church*
Leader: Steve Hoffman - Sundays, 9:15 am - Lounge

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