

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023



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Opening Prayer (VT 1011)

Leader: A wilderness beckons us; a desert, a barren place,
yet a place of blessing and discovery.

Jesus, steady companion, accompany us as we
enter the hurtful places, the frightening places,
the dangerous places deep within us.

Jesus, our wild and well-traveled guide,
lead us into this emptiness,
where all will fall away,
and we will have nothing but you.

All: Walk with us through the valley of the shadow
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and the times we have been lied to,

People heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

Leader: For the times we have laughed at another's pain
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People: heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

Leader: For the times we have betrayed a friend
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Leader: For the times we have spoken
when we should have remained silent
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