

ASH WEDNESDAY



Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 7:30a.m.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
21 Centre Street
Concord, NH 03301**

Sponsored by the New Hampshire Council of Churches

Prelude

Adagio

Liszt

Call to Worship

Rev. Drew Courtright

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

Collect

Rev. Tim Roser

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Readings

Isaiah 58:1-12

Senator Jeff Woodburn

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Representative Kris Schultz

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

We've come this far by faith

We've come this far by faith,

Leaning on the Lord;

Trusting in His holy Word,

He's never failed me yet.

O—can't turn around

We've come this far by faith.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Before the reading

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Jason Wells

Blessing of Ashes

Bishop Rob Hirschfeld

Song during Distribution

From Psalm 51

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me. **Repeat.**

Cast me not away from your presence, dear Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

Litany of Penitence

**Rev. Charles Buck
& Rev. Tim Roser**

Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

After each confession **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Hear us, for your mercy is great.

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Charles Buck

Blessing

Rev. Kate Atkinson

Peace

Rev. Tim Roser

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you

Postlude

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

For those wishing to receive Communion, there will be a short service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel, immediately following this service. Everyone is welcome at God's table.

Participants

Senator Jeff Woodburn
Minority Leader, District 1

Representative Kris Schultz
District 18

Rev. Charles Buck, Conference Minister
NH Conference of the United Church of Christ

Rt. Rev. Rob Hirschfeld, Bishop
Episcopal Church of New Hampshire

Rev. Tim Roser, Associate to the Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northeast

Rev Jason Wells, Executive Director
NH Council of Churches

Staff of St. Paul's Church

Rev. Kate Atkinson, *Rector*

Rev. Drew Courtright, *Curate*

Heather Maconaghy, *Director of Music Ministries*

Today's Prayers are taken from

Book of Worship (United Methodist Church)

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

The Book of Common Prayer (The Episcopal Church)