



Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship  
7pm, March 18, 2015

**Candle lighting**

We light a light  
in the name of the God who creates life,  
the Savior who loves life,  
and the Spirit who is the fire of life.

**Hymn**

SJ 59 Come and fill our hearts

**Scripture reading**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

**Prayer**

**Psalm of confession** (see reverse)

**Hymn**

HWB 348 O Lord, hear my prayer

**Words of Assurance**

God wants truth in the most hidden places,  
and teaches wisdom in the most secret space.  
Creating for us clean hearts,  
God puts a new, faithful spirit deep inside us!

**Imposition of Ashes**- "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return."

**Benediction**

**Hymn**

HWB 143 Amazing grace!

## **Psalm of confession**

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Group 1: *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

Group 2: ***Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless  
when you pass judgment.***

All: **Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Group 1: *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Group 2: ***Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.***

All: **Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
Voice 1: Put a new and right spirit within me.  
Voice 2: Do not cast me away from your presence,  
Voice 3: do not take your holy spirit from me.

Group 1: *Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

Group 2: ***Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.***

All: **Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

Group 1: *O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.*

Group 2: ***For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt offering,  
you would not be pleased.***

All: **The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit,  
a broken and contrite heart, O God,  
you will not despise.**