

## DUSTY US



### TRANSFORMATION IN TRANSITION

Welcome to worship this morning! We invite you, as we continue our journey towards Good Friday and Easter Sunday, to reflect on the times God has erupted into your life. Times where everything changes – and that that process, though painful, leads to growth and an explosion of life!

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### Call To Worship: Psalm 51:8-17

*Leader: Let me hear joy and celebration again;  
let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.*

**ALL: Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!**

*Leader: Create a clean heart for me, God;  
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!  
Please don't throw me out of your presence;  
please don't take your holy spirit away from me.*

**ALL: Return the joy of your salvation to me  
and sustain me with a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach wrongdoers your ways,  
and sinners will come back to you.**

*Leader: Deliver me from violence, God, God of my salvation*

**All: so that my tongue can sing of your righteousness.  
Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your praise.**

*Leader: You don't want sacrifices.*

*If I gave an entirely burned offering, you wouldn't be pleased.*

**All: A broken spirit is my sacrifice, God.**

*Leader: You won't despise a heart, God, that is broken and crushed.*

**ALL: Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.**

### Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout loudly; don't hold back; raise your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their crime, to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 They seek me day after day, desiring knowledge of my ways  
like a nation that acted righteously, that didn't abandon their God.

They ask me for righteous judgments, wanting to be close to God.  
"Why do we fast and you don't see; why afflict ourselves and you don't  
notice?" Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want, and oppress all  
your workers.

4 You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast; you hit each other violently with  
your fists. You shouldn't fast as you are doing today if you want to make  
your voice heard on high.

5 Is this the kind of fast I choose, a day of self-affliction, of bending one's  
head like a reed and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes?  
Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?



6 Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked  
restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting  
free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke?

7 Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry  
and bringing the homeless poor into your  
house, covering the naked when you see  
them, and not hiding from your own family?

8 Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed  
quickly. Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the Lord's glory  
will be your rear guard.

9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and God  
will say, "I'm here." If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger  
pointing, the wicked speech;

10 if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those  
who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will  
be like the noon.

11 The Lord will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched  
places.

He will rescue your bones.

You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that won't run dry.

12 They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account; the foundations of  
generations past you will restore. You will be called Mender of Broken  
Walls,

Restorer of Livable Streets.

**Matthew 6:1-6,16-21 (CEB)**

**Notes:**

1 “Be careful that you don’t practice your religion in front of people to draw their attention. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

2 “Whenever you give to the poor, don’t blow your trumpet as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may get praise from people. I assure you, that’s the only reward they’ll get. 3 But when you give to the poor, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing 4 so that you may give to the poor in secret. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

5 “When you pray, don’t be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that’s the only reward they’ll get. 6 But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

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16 “And when you fast, don’t put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They distort their faces so people will know they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward. 17 When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. 18 Then you won’t look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19 “Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. 20 Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don’t eat them and where thieves don’t break in and steal them. 21 Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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