

STEADFAST LOVE

A LENTEN PLAYLIST

FIX YOU

BY COLDPLAY

When you try your best, but you don't succeed
When you get what you want, but not what you need
When you feel so tired, but you can't sleep
Stuck in reverse

And the tears come streaming down your face
When you lose something you can't replace
When you love someone, but it goes to waste
Could it be worse?

Lights will guide you home
And ignite your bones
And I will try to fix you

And high up above or down below
When you're too in love to let it go
But if you never try, you'll never know
Just what you're worth

Lights will guide you home
And ignite your bones
And I will try to fix you

Tears stream down your face
When you lose something you cannot replace
Tears stream down your face, and I
Tears stream down your face
I promise you I will learn from my mistakes

Lights will guide you home
And ignite your bones
And I will try to fix you

Reflection:

Chris Martin wrote "Fix You" for his then wife, Gweneth Paltrow, as a song of comfort and support in the midst of her grief after the death of her father.

How do these lyrics relate to grief, death and life, and love?

How does the meaning change if we imagine the words coming from God?

From ourselves?

From a loved one?

Are there some words that are more fitting with one perspective than another?

What does it mean "to fix"? And how does the message change when we imagine the different meanings of that word: to mend? to secure? to connect? to stay firm?

How are we called to fix each other or fix the world?

How is God fixing you this season?

SUSTAIN IN ME



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ASH WEDNESDAY

GATHERING

From the playlist

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*Call to Worship

Leader: God invites you with mercy.

People: We come, aware of our sin, of all the ways we try our best, but don't succeed.

God welcomes you with compassion.

We come, longing for restoration, to receive what we need, to be made new.

God surrounds you with grace and forgiveness, reconciling you to God and one another, knowing just what you're worth.

We come, thirsting for reconciliation, to draw close to God and one another.

God embraces you with love that won't let go, reuniting us with God and one another.

ALL: Sustain in us, O God, a willing spirit to return to the joy

of our salvation as we journey together through the season
of Lent.

***Hymn**

Sunday's Palms are
Wednesday's Ashes

TFWS #2138

Hymn by Rae E. Whitney; Tune: BEACH SPRING

Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes
as another Lent begins
Thus we kneel before our Maker
in contrition for our sins
We have marred baptismal pledges,
in rebellion gone astray
Now, returning, seek forgiveness;
grant us pardon, God this day.

We have failed to love our neighbors,
their offenses to forgive
Have not listened to their troubles
nor have cared just how they lived
We are jealous, proud, impatient,
loving overmuch our things
May the yielding of our failings
be our Lenten offerings

We are hasty to judge others,
blind to proof of human need
And our lack of understanding
demonstrates our inner greed
We have wasted earth's resources,
want and suffering we've ignored
Come and cleanse us, then restore us,
Make new hearts within us, Lord

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 51:1-17, NRSV

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

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

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

4 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.

5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my

salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

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

17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God



Sermon

Rev.
Jon Snape

Invitation to Lenten Disciplines

Lent Study & Blog:

<https://schertzumc.com/blog/2025/02/27/lenten-study>

Lenten Playlist:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5KC5x1PDWOju9I2BBA3JfG?si=0rAUZh85SdeCznEgTZYxxQ.&nd=1&dlsi=00a3899003314767>

***Hymn**

Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days UMH #269

Hymn by Claudia F. Hernaman; Tune: LAND OF REST

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger, bear, and thirst,
so teach us gracious Lord,
to die to self, to chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
Yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us that so this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

God So Loved₁

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever**

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there With open arms

**CHORUS: For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world**

Praise God praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him for the wonders of His love (Chorus)

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

Response: Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

Offering & Offertory

Beautiful Things₂

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Prayer of Thanks

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*Dismissal with Blessing

Lights will guide you home
And ignite your bones
And I will try to fix you

1. God So Loved

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2. Beautiful Things

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