

Sunday's Palms
Are Wednesday's Ashes

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**1. 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!**

**2. We have failed
to love our neighbors,
their offenses to forgive,
have not listened
to their troubles
nor have cared
just how they live,**

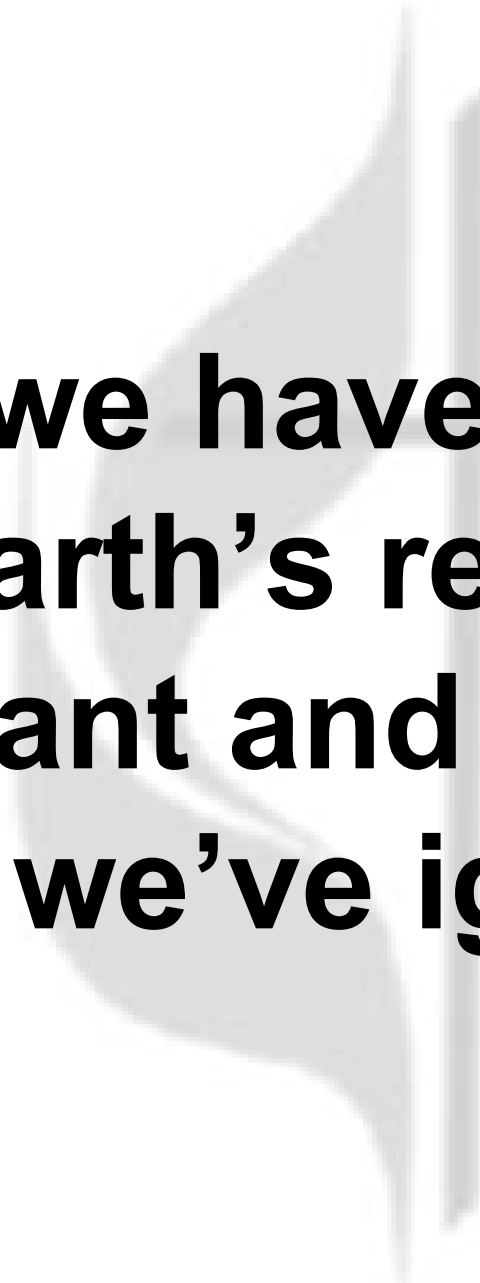
**we are jealous,
proud, impatient,
loving overmuch
our things;
may the yielding
of our failings
be our Lenten offerings.**



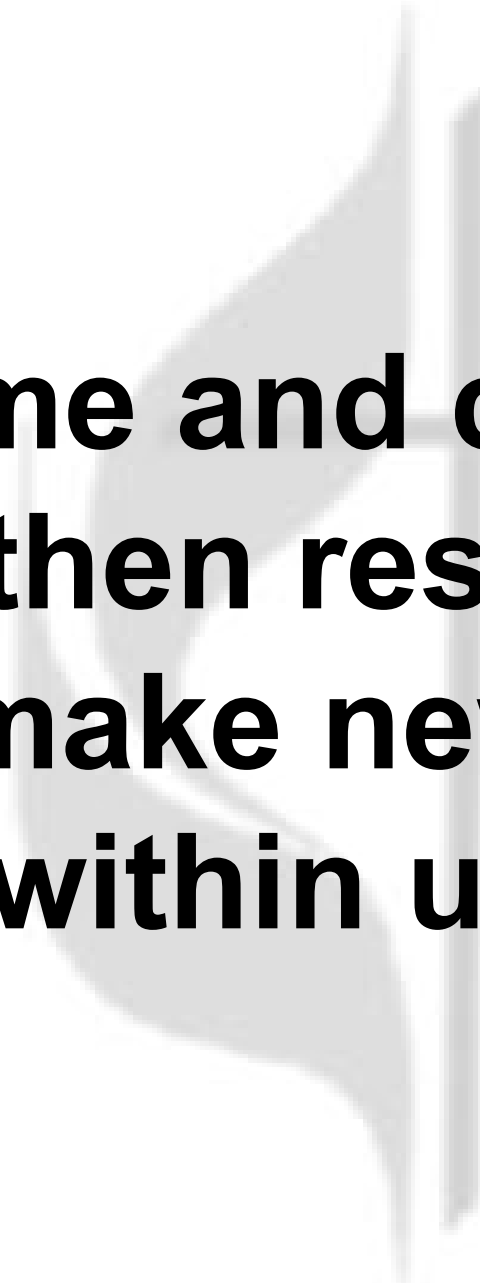
**3. We are hasty
to judge others,
blind to proof
of human need;**



**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!**