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**2026 THEME: FOR THE ONE: RECLAIMING THE SOUL OF AMERICA**  
**FEBRUARY THEME: FACES ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS**



February 18, 2026  
Ash Wednesday  
Service @ 7 PM  
**REPENTANCE**

## WELCOME/PRAYER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING WORDS

Rev. Arun Andrews

On Ash Wednesday we publicly show that we want to “bring to ashes” those things in us that are not pleasing to our Lord. By accepting a cross of ashes on our foreheads, we identify ourselves as sinners who are determined to grow into better persons. We keep in mind that the goal of our determination is new life as promised by our Lord Jesus. We realize that in order to share in that new life, we must die to the old. The ashes remind us today that we are join with Jesus in His life, ministry, death and resurrection.

### PRELUDE

*Alle Menschen müssen sterben* (J.S. Bach)

Andrew Meade, organ

### CALL TO WORSHIP + (standing)

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L: Generous in love—God, give grace!

A: Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.

L: Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry.

A: I know how bad I've been; my sins are staring me down.

L: You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil.

A: You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair.

L: I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born.

A: What you're after is truth from the inside out.

L: Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.

A: Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life.

L: Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing.

A: Don't look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health.

L: God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.

A: Don't throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me.

L: Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails!

A: Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home.

L: Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God, and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways.

A: Unbutton my lips, dear God; I'll let loose with your praise.

### HYMN #361 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.*

*Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.*

### LENTEN REFLECTION

### Psalm 130

Chancel Choir

### PRAYER \*\*

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God of the broken, we come as people who are often burdened by the trials of life. As we begin our journey this Lenten season, we thank you for becoming a broken God for broken people. Help us to remember that while the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, Jesus comes to give us life in abundance. Forgive us for our lack of judgement: for times in which we dabbled with sin, instead of choosing the sacred. Help us not only to recognize that we are broken, but to rejoice that we have a potter who gives us a second chance. Help us to eagerly seek your pardon and walk away from darkness into your marvelous light. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### OFFERTORY SOLO

*Abide With Me (arr. A. Williams)*

Christyan Seay

### DOXOLOGY

Doxology

FAIRHILL



**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 51:1-11

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**ANTHEM***Wash Me Throughly (D. Halls)*

Chancel Choir

**HYMN #382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord***

*Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Savior today!  
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in thy presence humbly I bow.*

*Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!*

*Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!*

**SCRIPTURE 2**

Joel 2:12-13

Bishop Pauline Peifer

**SERMON**

Repentance

Bishop Pauline Peifer

**A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION AND SURRENDER****IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Bishop Pauline Peifer &amp; Rev. Arun Andrews

**HYMN #357 *Just As I Am***

*Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thy love unknown  
hath broken every barrier down;  
now, to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Bishop Pauline Peifer

May our Almighty and merciful God, who desires not death for a sinner, but that we turn from wickedness and live, accepts your repentance, forgive your sins, and restores you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life.

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

You may remain in silence for a time of meditation and prayer.

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE: INDIVIDUAL QUIET MOMENT**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: the early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. You are invited, therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. To make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, would you take time tonight in quiet communion and prayer with your Maker and Redeemer?

**INVITATION TO CONSIDER PRACTICING LENTEN DISCIPLINES LIKE:**

1. Including an extra 10-15 minutes for prayer each evening.
2. Including an extra daily Bible reading time.
3. Setting aside money to support homeless people.
4. Setting aside items and giving them away.
5. Praying for the members of Trinity using the Church directory.
6. Praying for one nation a day.
7. Spending quiet moments alone with the Lord.
8. Writing a card, note, letter to someone you need to reconcile with.
9. Using the days of the week to guide us in prayer:

**Monday (M):** Pray for mothers who are single moms.

**Tuesday (T):** Pray for teenagers who face difficulties, loneliness and temptations.

**Wednesday (W):** Pray for world concerns and governments.

**Thursday (T):** Pray for the transmission of the Gospel through media, print, music, etc.

**Friday (F):** Pray for Families that are going through hard times.

**Saturday (S):** Pray for Church services.

**Sunday (S):** Take time to be in silence.

**In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father**

Bishop Pauline Peifer, Coordinator, Discipleship Pathway

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