

# Ash Wednesday

March 6, 2019 ✦ 7:00 PM

## GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

We remember the call to Ash Wednesday:

**Leader:** Brothers and sister in Christ, every year at Easter, during the time of the "Christian Passover," we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to practice with discipline daily repentance, our daily dying and rising in union with Christ. We begin this season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us turn our hearts and minds to worship.

Centering Music and Service of Lights

\*Call to Worship

**Leader:** O Lord our God, long-suffering and full of compassion: be present with us as we enter this season in which we recall our Savior's sufferings and celebrate his triumph.

**All:** Give us your Holy Spirit, so that as we acknowledge our sins and implore your pardon, we may also have the strength to deny ourselves and be upheld in times of temptation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

\*Song Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross UMH 301

A Time of Confession and Renewal

**Leader:** Genuine repentance involves two things: the dying-away of the old self is to be genuinely sorry for sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it. The coming-to-life of the new self is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.

Together, as Christ's body, we now confess our sin and express our longing to live in joyful obedience to God.

**All:** Lord God, it is hard to think that we will die someday. We dream, make plans, and talk about what we'll do in the near future. We don't always think about what you want. Instead, we make choices that we think are good for us. We confess that we forget we need you all the time. We confess that sometimes we make choices that are not what you want. Holy God, we are sorry for our sin. Help us to remember we live because of you. Help us to do what you want us to do through Christ. Amen.

**Leader:** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give us contrite hearts. May his Holy Spirit speak words of pardon and peace to our souls. Amen.

## THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 51 pg 703 - 04

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6: 1 - 18 pg 1175 - 76

Message "A Contrite Heart"

## OUR RESPONSE

\*Song Have Thine Own Way, Lord UMH 382

Imposition of Ashes

You are invited forward to receive ashes.

## WE ARE SENT FORTH

\*Song                      What Wondrous Love Is This                      UMH 292

### Benediction

**Pastor:**        May God the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely;  
and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at  
the coming of our Lord.

**All:**            The one who calls us is faithful. We know that God will  
do this. Amen.

### Postlude

\*Please stand as you feel comfortable



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