

Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m.

Call To Worship

Songs

“What Wondrous Love Is This ”

Prayer

Pastor DG Hollums

Song

“Be Still My Soul”

Imposition of Ashes

Pastor DG Hollums

Song

“Of Psalm”

Song

“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

Benediction

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday service to burn and produce ashes for this service. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins.