



Ash
Wednesday

Six O'Clock in the Evening
February 18, 2015

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Ash Wednesday Service
February 18, 2015
6:00 PM

Call to Worship

Leader: Return to the Lord with all your heart,
People: for God is gracious and merciful.
Leader: In the name of Christ, we are reconciled to God.
People: This is the day of our salvation.

Unison Prayer

Holy God, treasure of faithful hearts, through Jesus Christ you taught us how to pray, to give, to serve, to live. Reshape, restore, and renew us by the hidden power of your Spirit, so that we may receive the way of life that is the true reward of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #85 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

Prayer for Illumination

Readings from Scripture

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Lenten Meditation and Invitation to the Discipline of Lent

Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We want you to notice our humility, but we fail to notice neighbors in need. We want you to show us your mercy, but we fail to show mercy to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Cleanse our hearts and renew our spirits so that we may know once again the joy of your saving love....

(Silent Confession)

Psalm of Confession and Penitence

Psalm 51
TALLIS' CANON

*Have mercy God in your great grace
Wash me from every staining trace
Of sin and evil I have done
I pray to you the Holy One*

*Before you only have I sinned
Your eyes have seen what I have been
A sinner from the time of birth
Come now, transform me, give me worth*

*Cleanse me from sin, I shall be pure
Your joy and gladness will endure
My broken spirit in your hands
Help me to follow your commands*

*Create O God within my heart
A path to make a fresh new start
And shape a spirit within me
That steadfast, sure and right will be*

*Do not remove me from your sight
Or take your Spirit shining bright
Give me the joy your help provides
Your Holy Spirit as my guide*

*God, I will teach your ways of grace
And sinners then will seek your face
Save me and rescue, God of mine
And I will sing your praise divine*

*Open my mouth that I may raise
A song to you of glorious praise
The sacrifice that brings your joy
A humble heart you will employ*

Blessing and Imposition of the Ashes

Closing Prayer

Leader: *Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,*
People: **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**
Leader: *By the cross and passion of our Savior,*
People: **bring us with all your saints to the joy of**
 Christ's resurrection.
 Amen.

Blessing

Please join us in the E&F Building for Soup and Cornbread.