

# Ash Wednesday Service

February 10, 2016

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We celebrate the beginning of the Lenten Season Today. This is a season of repentance and renewal to our faith and our Savior

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP: (in responsive)

Leader: The Lord is merciful to all and hates nothing he has created.

**ALL: Our God overlooks our sins to bring us to repentance.**

Leader: He is the Lord, our God, and is greatly to be praised.

**ALL: Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent make this day holy by our self-denial.**

## THE PROCESSIONAL AND ILLUMINATION

### † OPENING HYMN:

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

**HYMN #357**  
Verses 1, 4 & 5

**UNISON PRAYER of INVOCATION: LEADER**  
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## OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Choir** "All That Lasts" By Joseph M. Martin

† Doxology

**HYMN #95**

† Prayer of Dedication

## HYMN OF MEDITATION:

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

**HYMN #526**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:12-18 **PEW BIBLE 787**

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 3:7-16 **PEW BIBLE 1024**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

† **GLORIA PATRI:**

**HYMN #71**

**MEDITATION: "Surrendering to Jesus" Pastor Cal**

## CONSECRATION, BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES:

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, let us ask our Father to bless these ashes, which we will use as the mark of our repentance.

**ALL: Lord, bless these ashes by which we show that we are dust. Pardon our sins and keep us faithful to the discipline of Lent, for you do not want sinners to die but to live with the risen Christ.**

Leader: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence and a reminder that only by your gracious gift we are given eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Those who desire to receive ashes now come forward to receive.**

After all have been served continue:

Leader: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation that we may show forth your glory in the world.

**ALL: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord, bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Leader: Hear these words addressed to penitent believers: "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

**ALL: Praise be to God for his grace and mercy. Amen.**

† CLOSING HYMN: "I Surrender All"

HYMN #354

**THE RECESSIONAL  
BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

† All who are able please join together, as we stand as one

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