

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Gathering for God's Word

*Please take a piece of cloth and a candy from one of the baskets as you enter the Sanctuary.
Please do not eat the candy (yet).*

*Gathering Song

#519, "You Are My All in All"

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
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Welcome

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

*Hymn of Preparation

#2164, "Lord Prepare Me," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

It is you, Lord, who came to save
The heart and soul, of every man
It is you Lord, Who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength, With thine own hand.

Lead Me on Lord, from temptation

Purify me, from within
Fill my heart with, your holy spirit
Take away, all my sin

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Confession with Sackcloth

Scripture Lesson 1: James 4: 1-10

4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? 6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Meditation: Sackcloth

Call of Confession

[Psalm 139: 1-3, 7-10, 23-24]

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

People: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Leader: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

People: And see if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Time of Silent Confession

*Hymn of Assurance *(please stand as you are ready to join us in song)*

#442, "Just as I Am, without One Plea," vs. 1, 2, 3

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
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, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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#443, "There is a Redeemer," vs. 1, 2

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

Refrain:

Thank you, O my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain

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Assurance of Pardon

[based on Isaiah 40:11, 53: 4-5]

Leader: Let us hear the Good News. Surely Christ has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

People: He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

Leader: Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

People: He will feed us, his flock, like a shepherd and gather the lambs in his arms.

Offerings of Chocolate

Scripture Lesson 2: Romans 12: 1-8

12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. 4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Meditation: Chocolate

Time of Silent Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Need *(please stand as you are ready to join us in song)*

#2150, "Lord, Be Glorified," vs. 1, 2, 3, Sing the Faith Hymnal

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In Your church, be glorified, be glorified today.

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#2162, "Grace Alone," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Every promise we can make
Every prayer and step of faith
Every difference we can make
Is only by His grace
Every mountain we will climb
Every ray of hope we shine
Every blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Refrain:

Grace alone
Which God supplies
Strength unknown
He will provide
Christ in us
Our cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone

Every soul we long to reach
Every heart we hope to teach
Everywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Every loving word we say
Every tear we wipe away
Every sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace

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The Ashes

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Responding the God's Grace

Blessing

Benediction Response

#2015, "Bless His Holy Name," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
Bless his holy name!

He has done great things,
He has done great things,
He has done great things,
Bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within m
Bless his holy name!

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Postlude