

## Benediction

Now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation. Go out to tell the world of God's grace.

**God restores us to the joy of salvation and sustains us with a willing spirit**

May Lent be not an outer show but an inner discipline, a time for spiritual growth and shared ministry.

**By the grace of God, we will do what God intends, with kindness, purity and genuine love. Amen.**

### 10:00 am Worship Today

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# Ash Wednesday

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

# Ash Wednesday Worship

March 2, 2022

6:30 p.m.

***“The prophet calls for the people to undertake serious corporate acts of lamentation and repentance to prepare for” The Day of the Lord...a day of darkness and thick gloom.” Joel 2:1-2, 12-17.***

Welcome

Centering Words

The invitation to renew our hearts is before us.

The assurance of God’s steadfast love is always with us.

Call to Worship

Praise God, who has taught us to sing.

**Praise God, who has gathered us together.**

We come before God to begin again,

**to renew our hearts and our spirits.**

Be assured that God’s steadfast love surrounds us and upholds us.

**Thanks be to God!**

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**On this day, merciful God, we begin a journey of repentance, a journey of renewal, a journey of healing. Sometimes this journey is hard. We often don’t know where we are going. Help us remember that we follow in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus, our guide and guardian. Help us be faithful on this day and all days. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Opening Hymn.....Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days.....#269  
vs 1, 3, 5

Reading from God’s Word: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Words of Assurance

The prophet Joel proclaims, “Return to the Lord, your God, For [God] is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, rejoice, for you are forgiven and filled with God’s love!

Hymn.....Seek Ye First.....#405

Reading from God’s Word: Psalm 51:1-13

Meditation.....A Prayer for Forgiveness.....

Thanksgiving Over The Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Hymn.....Change My Heart, O God.....#2152

Offering Our Gifts

**Abundant God, we bring these gifts to you In thanksgiving and praise. Bless these gifts, that they may help your children everywhere. As we offer you our hearts, Fill us with the treasure of your love and grace. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**