

ASH WEDNESDAY

Gathering in Silence and Meditation

GREETING

One: This day
All: is the start of something new.
One: This day
All: marks the beginning of a season.
One: This day
All: reminds us who we are.
One: This day
All: reminds us who we long to be.
One: So on this day,
All: let us worship God.

INVOCATION

HYMN 269 Lord, who throughout these forty days *LAND OF REST*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *a*

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 51 (hymnal 785)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:20*b*-6:2

RESPONSE

One: Cry, and God will answer.
ALL: Call, and the Lord will say, "I am here."
One: If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word;
If you give away your bread to the hungry and relief to the oppressed;
ALL: Call, and the Lord will say, "I am here."
One: Your light will rise in the darkness and your shadows become like noon.
ALL: Cry, and God will answer. Call, and the Lord will say, "I am here."

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:19-21

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF COMMITMENT

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin
and toward God, who is faithful and just, loving and compassionate?
All: I turn my mind, my heart, and my life toward God.
One: Will you seek God with your whole heart, and follow where God's
Spirit leads?
All: I will, with God's help.
One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing
his love?
All: I will, with God's help.
One: Your steadfast love endures forever, O God.
All: From dust we came, to dust we will return; but your steadfast love
endures forever.
One: We gather in penitence, we gather in confidence; we stand at the
threshold of life.
All: Restore us, O God, open the gate and turn us to follow your path again,
to proclaim your love that endures forever.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

RECONCILIATION AND COMMENDATION

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
One: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves,
one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.
All: To you, O Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

All may exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.

HYMN 700

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

BENEDICTION

One: Let us go forth into the world in the strength of God's mercy to live
and to serve in newness of life.

All: Amen.

One: May the Lamb of God who laid down his life for all, graciously smile
upon us.

All: Amen.

One: May the Lord God order all our days and deeds in peace.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

All depart in quietness.

The Reverends Stacey and Paul Simpson Duke, Co-Pastors
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Shin-Ae Chun, Accompanist

Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the nursery.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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