

Ash Wednesday
March 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.



Ringling of the Bell

Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

“Out of the Depths I Cry Unto You”

+ Call to Worship

Friends and neighbors, in the middle of our busy week, we pause to observe Ash Wednesday together as a faith community.

We remember that God made us from fragile, blessed dust and breathes through us the breath of life and love.

From dust we are created in God's image and to God's good dust we shall return.

With dust and oil we claim the mark of God's beloved creature.

Today we begin our 40-day Lenten journey to discover who we are created to be as God's beloved.

In daily practices of prayer and service we will embark upon this Lenten journey.

We follow Jesus, God's Beloved Child, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh in whom we see God's image most clearly.

So come, let us pray for strength and imagination to follow Jesus wherever he will lead us this Lent.

+Hymn *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

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+ Opening Prayer

+Passing of the Peace

Scripture

Psalm 1

Psalm 51

Special Music *“Just As I Am”* Chancel Choir

Sermon *“Two Ways”*

+ Confession of Sin

Loving and merciful God, You have made us for your purpose, that we may fulfill Your plan and receive every goodness in all our days. Forgive our waywardness O Lord. We have sought satisfaction in our own plan; we have trusted in our own reasoning and strength. Our erring has caused pain to our neighbor as well as ourselves. We regret all the wrong we have done. We ask you would cover our wrong with your forgiveness. Encourage us in ways that bring Your kingdom goodness to all our thoughts words and deeds, that You may ever be glorified in Your people. We pray in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Imposition of Ashes

+Hymn *“Near to the Heart of God”* 35

+The Lord's Prayer (Please Hold Hands)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

+Benediction

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This worship service will be live-streamed, and you may appear on camera.

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future’s broadening way,
in peace that only Thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

“Near to the Heart of God”

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God;
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.