

Ash Wednesday  
February 10, 2016

**Order for the Worship of God**

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

\* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

**Music for Gathering** *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* Tedd Smith & Don Husted  
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

**Call to Worship**

The Lord invites us to return with our whole heart.

**We turn to God, because God is gracious and merciful.**

We have received the message of reconciliation,

**and we are now Christ's ambassadors.**

Indeed, the right time is now.

**The day of the Lord is coming.**

Let us worship God.

**Prayer of the Day (in unison)**

Holy God,

treasure of faithful hearts,

through Jesus Christ you taught us how to pray,

to give, to serve, to live.

Reshape, restore, and renew us

by the hidden power of your Spirit,

so that we may receive the way of life

that is the true reward of the faithful;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

\*Hymn *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining* No. 425

The Old Testament Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

**Music for Reflection** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Frederick C. Maker  
Arr. Lani Smith

The Epistle II Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

Reflection Laura S. Sugg

\*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.

**Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline**

**Litany of Penitence and the Imposition of Ashes**

Let us pray.

**Holy and merciful God,**

**we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole**

**communion of saints in heaven and on earth,**

**that we have sinned by our own fault**

**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**A Period of Silent Reflection**

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering

and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**accept our repentance, O God,**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,

and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**accept our repentance, O God,**

For our waste and pollution of your creation

and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**accept our repentance, O God,**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

**May these ashes be for us**

**a sign of our mortality and penitence,**

**and a reminder that only by your gracious gift**

**are we given everlasting life;**

**through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**[People are invited to come forward in silence  
to receive the imposition of ashes.]**

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

By the cross and passion of our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints  
to the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

\*Hymn *O for a Closer Walk with God* No. 397

The Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**\*Blessing and Charge**

May the God of peace make you holy in every way  
and keep your whole being—spirit, soul,  
and body—free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**[All depart in silence.]**

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Thanks to Worship Committee and volunteers who  
made the 5:30 pm supper possible.  
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*To worship God through faith and action,  
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,  
to be an extended family to all,  
and to serve the community  
through programs, education and prayer.*

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