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# Ash Wednesday Services March 6th 7:30 p.m.

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#### **GATHER TO WORSHIP**

#### SILENCE

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From dust we came, to dust we will return. **People: We belong to God.** Leader: We gather in penitence, we gather in confidence. **People: We belong to God.** Leader: At the beginning of Lent, at every moment of our lives. **People: We belong to God.** 

+ HYMN TFWS 2138 "Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes" Beach Spring

#### HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit of God, open our hearts now to your Word, that our Lenten journey may be shaped by your will, that we may walk in the way of Jesus Christ, and bring honor and glory to his name. Amen.

THE PSALTER Psalm 51, (Pew Bible, Old Testament, pp. 492-493)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, pp. 798-799)

+ GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (Pew Bible, New Testament, pp. 5 & 6) Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

#### People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION	"Fasting is More than about Food"	Pastor Dave Kirkland
HYMN TFWS 2202	"Come Away with Me"	Recreation

THE CONFESSION

Leader: Most Holy and merciful God:

People: 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.

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

### People: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Leader: We have been deaf 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.

# People: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Leader: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

# People: we confess to you, Lord.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, **People: we confess to you, Lord**.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

# People: we confess to you, Lord.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and word,

# People: we confess to you, Lord.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

# People: we confess to you, Lord.

Leader: Accept our repentance, Lord for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

# People: accept our repentance, Lord.

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

#### People: accept our repentance, Lord.

Leader: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

# People: accept our repentance, Lord.

Leader: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

# People: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray,

People: Dust we are and to dust we shall return. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that we receive eternal life by God's gift alone, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. You are invited to come forward. The person imposing the ashes will make a cross of ashes on the foreheads or wrists of all who desire, saying: "Repent, and believe the Gospel."

#### OFFERING

ANTHEM

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" Sanctuary Choir Benjamin Bugaile

#### + DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### **COME TO THE TABLE**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

# **GOING FORTH**

+ HYMN TFWS 2133

"Give Me a Clean Heart"

Douroux

+ BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

SILENCE

#### **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leaders: Dave Kirkland, David Lough Organist: Benjamin Bugaile Usher: Bob Miller