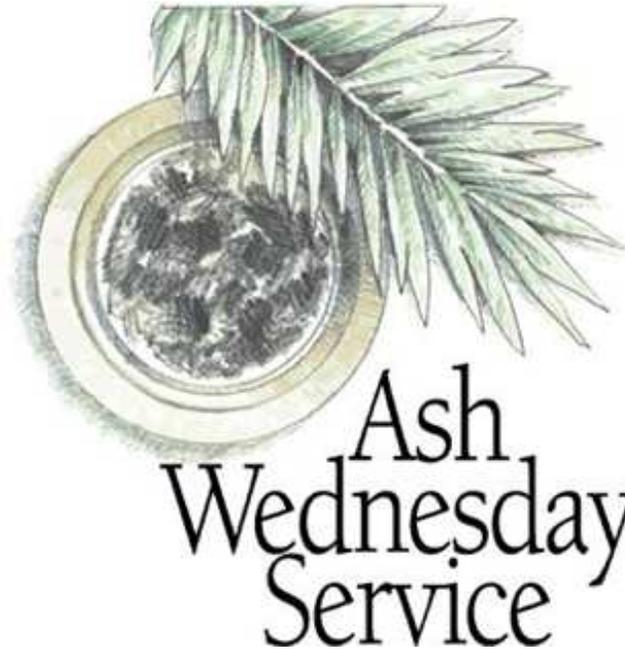


Service of Ashes

February 10, 2016



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Within each of us lies the longing for God. Our goal is to provide a welcoming place to find peace with God, through careful study of His word with hearts focused on its ultimate hope, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Ash Wednesday

Service of Ashes, February 10, 2016

Welcome

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Invocation

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of
the Lord’s favor.” *(Luke 4:18-21)*

Prayer of Confession

L: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

P: You are compassionate beyond comparison, loving beyond imagination,
and faithful beyond our failures.

L: We admit our transgressions: we have become stained with wrong-doing, sacrificing
the goodness of your love for the demise of this world.

P: We have abandoned your law, caring less for your creation and more for our own am-
bition.

L: Wash us clean, God of mercies, and deliver us from bloodshed.

P: Help us to hear your voice calling us back, remind us of your love bringing us
home, and renew our spirits that we might believe the covenant again.

L: In Jesus’ name, we pray in our hearts -- (Silent reflection) -- Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

P: You shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. *(Isaiah 58:9)*

Song *“Change My Heart, O God”* *(see insert)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Isaiah 53

L: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

P: But he was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

L: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

P: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,

L: and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

P: For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

L: Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,

P: For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Special Music *“Feel the Nails”*

Devotion: *“Ashes to Ashes” (Genesis 3:19)* **Dr. Steve Minor**

“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food
until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken;
for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51

L: Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love.
Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins!

P: Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin!

L: I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins.

P: I have sinned against you—only against you—
and done what you consider evil.

L: So you are right in judging me; you are justified in condemning me.

P: I have been evil from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.

L: Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your wisdom.

P: Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

L: Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.

P: Close your eyes to my sins and wipe out all my evil.

L: Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me.

P: Do not banish me from your presence; take not your holy spirit from me.

L: Give me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

P: Then I will teach sinners your commands, and they will turn back to you.

L: Spare my life, O God, and save me, and I will proclaim your righteousness.

P: Help me to speak, Lord, and I will praise you.

L: You do not want sacrifices; you are not pleased with burnt offerings.

P: My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God;
you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

Change My Heart, Oh God

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You