

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespassed against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

*HYMN

WHERE HE LEADS ME

UMH #338, v. 1 - 3
WORDS BY E. W. BLANDY
MUSIC BY JOHN S. NORRIS

1. I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain: Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

2. I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him through the garden, I'll go with him, with him all the way.

[Refrain]

3. I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him, with him all the way. **[Refrain]**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

OH LORD DIVINE, WHAT HAST THOU DONE
BY: CHARLES WESLEY



"Show Off vs. Servant" Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-21

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026
Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
6:00 PM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE
BY: J. CRUGER & J.S. BACH

WORDS OF WELCOME
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

Sisters and brothers in Christ, from the earliest days of the Church, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season was observed by those who were preparing for baptism at Easter and by those who, having been excommunicated, were to be restored to the communion of the church. By keeping these days with care and attention Christians might take to heart the call of repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and grow in faith and devotion to our Lord. So, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer and fasting, by self-denial and acts of generosity and by reading and meditating on the word of God, let us keep a holy Lent.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
WHAT WONDEROUS LOVE IS THIS
UMH #292
WORDS & MUSIC BY USA FOLK HYMN

*CALL TO WORSHIP - CAMERON CRAIG

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Congregation: God's mercy endures for ever.

***HYMN**
LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS
UMH #269 VS. 1-4
WORDS BY CLAUDIA F. HERNAMAN
MUSIC BY USA FOLK MELODY

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - CAMERON CRAIG

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

Congregation: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN
THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
UMH #504 V. 1-3
WORDS & MUSIC BY GEORGE BENNARD

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

[Refrain]: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

[Refrain]

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. **[Refrain]**

SCRIPTURE LESSON - LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL
MATTHEW 6:1-6 & 16-21

SERMON
"SHOW OFF VS. SERVANT"
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THE RECEIVING OF ASHES

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are eternal, we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth. As we receive these ashes, make them a sign for us of repentance and returning to you. Breathe into us again the breath of life. Blessed be God for ever.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES
Repent, and believe the gospel.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept our repentance, forgive our sins, and restore us by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. Amen.