On this Ash Wednesday we begin a journey...
Musical Call to Worship
What Wondrous Love Is This
American Folk Song
Words of Welcome
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*Call to Worship*
Leader: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, have mercy on us. Incarnate Word, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. Congregation: have mercy on us. Abiding Spirit, giver of light and life, have mercy on us.
For turning away from your presence, for disobeying your word and commandments, forgive us, Lord.
For trusting in our own strength instead of yours, for betraying your trust and the trust of others, forgive us, Lord.
For resisting your grace and refusing your blessings, for holding back from proclaiming our faith in you,

forgive us, Lord.

For damaging this earth and exploiting its creatures, for neglecting and wasting the gifts you have given us,

forgive us, Lord.
For failing to forgive as we have been forgiven, for judging others and bearing grudges,
   forgive us, Lord.
For skimping on our commitments and relationships, for failing in hospitality,
   forgive us, Lord.
For tolerating oppression, injustice, and wrong, for keeping silent when we should have spoken up, forgive us, Lord. For turning away when others have offered us love, for closing our hearts when others have needed compassion, forgive us, Lord.
For all we have done unkindly, unjustly and dishonestly, for our careless speech and hurtful words, forgive us, Lord.
Most merciful God,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
With our hearts turned to God in repentance, with the knowledge of our sins laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ, in the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven. Receive God’s mercy, take hold of your forgiveness, and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, walk in the light of Christ.

Amen.
Hymn
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
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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.

WORDS: Claudia F. Herraman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13)
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 peni-tence,
and through thy pas-sion-tide,
yea, ev-er-more in life and death,
Je-sus, with us a-bide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.
*Affirmation of Faith*

Congregation: I 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

Ah, Holy Jesus

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1. Ah, holy Jesus,
how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee
have in hate pretended?
By foes derided,
by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!
2. Who was the guilty?

Who brought this upon thee?

Alas, my treason,

Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
3. Lo, the Good Shepherd
for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned,
and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement,
while we nothing heed ed,
God interceded.
4. For me, kind Jesus,

was thy incarnation,

thy mortal sorrow,

and thy life’s oblation;
Ah, Holy Jesus

thy death of anguish

and thy bitter passion,

for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus,
since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee,
and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity
and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.
Psalm 51:1-17

Scripture Lesson
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Sermon
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I will be merciful to their iniquities
and I will remember their sins no more.
Hebrews 8:12
Hymn
Hallelujah!
What a Savior

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1. Man of Sorrows! what a name
   for the Son of God, who came
   ruined sinners to reclaim.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood;
sealed my pardon with his blood.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
3. Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement can it be?

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
4. Lifted up was he to die;

“"It is finished!” was his cry;

now in heaven exalted high.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
5. When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then a-new this song we’ll sing:

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
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 in 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.
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 of Reflection
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;

WORDS: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872
MUSIC (ST. CHRISTOPHER 76.86.86.86): Frederick C. Maker, 1881
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat,
and the burden of the day.
2. Upon that cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

United Methodist Hymnal #297
and from my stricken heart with tears

and from my stricken heart with tears

two wonders I confess:

two wonders I confess:

the wonders of redeeming love

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and my unworthiness.

and my unworthiness.
Benediction
Thank you for attending our Ash Wednesday Service. Please continue to keep friends & families listed on our prayer list in mind as you pray throughout the week. Thank you.