

Hymn #449*

Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love MENDON

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Those who desire may come forward to the communion rail in order to receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of penitence not only for our individual sin, but also in recognition of our complicity in the sin of the world. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive ashes, please notify an usher and a Pastor will come to your seat..

Invitation to the Imposition of Ashes

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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Prayer for Lent and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn #435*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

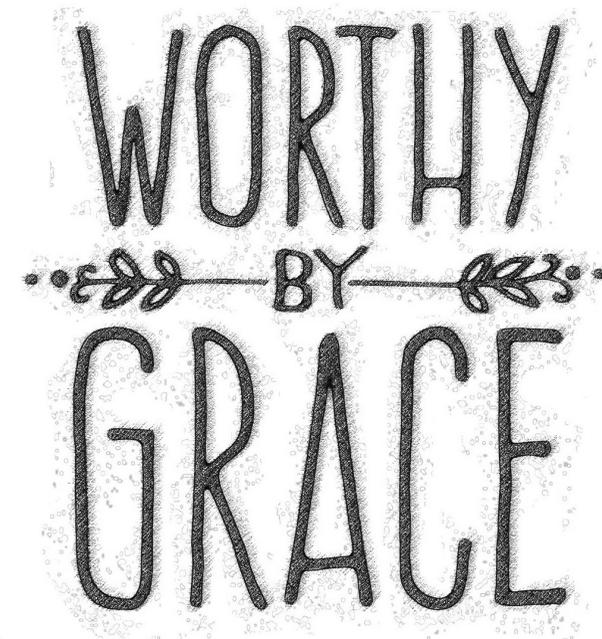
Blessing, Charge and Passing of the Peace*

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WORTH GOING
Ash Wednesday



March 1, 2017 7:00pm





In Preparation for Worship

And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud became more painful than the risk it took to blossom. ~Anais Nin

Prelude Near the Cross *William Doane, arr. Victor Labenske*

Greeting and Invitation to the Lenten Discipline

Call to Worship*

Leader: In the middle of our busy week,
we pause to observe Ash Wednesday together as a faith community.

People: **We remember that God made us from fragile, blessed dust,
and breathes through us the breath of life and love.**

Leader: From dust we are created in God's image,
and to God's good dust we shall return.

People: **With dust and ashes we claim the mark of God's beloved creature,
miracles of life.**

Leader: Today we begin our forty day Lenten journey
to discover who we are created to be as God's beloved.
In daily practices of prayer and service
we will embark upon this Lenten journey.

People: **We follow Jesus, God's Beloved Child,
bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,
in whom we see God's image most clearly.**

Leader: So come, let us pray for strength and imagination
to follow Jesus wherever He will lead us in this holy season.

Hymn #286* Breathe on Me, Breath of God *TRENTHAM*

Invitation to Confession*

Leader: Merciful God, whose ways are good and true,
we confess that we have not lived as Christ has called us to live.
We have shut our eyes to evil our world allows.
We have sealed our ears from the cries of the suffering whose pain we abide.
We have clung to the hostility we harbor against one another.
We have hardened our hearts to the creative power of love.
Therefore we pray:

People: **Open our eyes to see injustice and resist powers that deny and oppress.
Open our ears to hear the cry of the needy.**

Leader: Teach us generosity, so that we share the abundance of your creation.

People: **Open our minds to imagine an end to human strife.**

Leader: Grant us wisdom to pursue the ways of peace.

People: **Open our hearts to love our neighbors and our enemies near and far.**

Leader: Give us desire to embody the compassion of Christ,

People: **for the sake of the world, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Response Peace of God Be with You *AS-SALAAMU LAKUM*

**Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.
Salaam. Salaam. Peace of God be with you.**

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 58:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem We Are Redeemed *Lee Dengler* Chancel Choir

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
We are redeemed, not by the law; we are redeemed when we call on him,
believing in Christ, receiving his grace, justified by faith.
Grace is a gift given by Christ, and Jesus paid the price.
The righteousness of God, revealed through his Son; a gift to all who believe.
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

(J. Paul Williams, based on Romans 3:21-24, and incorporating AMAZING GRACE)

Meditation