



ASH WEDNESDAY

Order of Worship
February 22nd, 2012

Prelude *In the Shadows* arr. Armbrust

*** Call to Worship**

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

*** Unison Prayer**

O God, Maker of every thing and judge of all you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us, and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*
Hymnal #269

Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:1-2 Pew Bible, OT Pg. 846
Joel 2:12-17 Pew Bible, OT Pg. 847

Anthem *Lead Me, Guide Me* arr. James
Rebecca Johnson, mezzo-soprano

Reading of the Psalm Psalm 51:1-17 Hymnal #785

Gospel Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Pew Bible, NT Pgs. 181 & 182

Message

Ashes to Ashes
Revs. Carman Minarik

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Silent Meditation & Commitment

Hymn of Confession

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes
TFWS #2138

Prayer of Confession

O God, you are the one sure source of mercy. Receive unto yourself on this holy day your wandering children.

We confess that we have strayed far from the road marked by your gentle laws; we have embraced choices we are ashamed to remember before you. We have nothing to claim for ourselves except your graciousness. Sign us this day with the remembrance of our death that we may be signed forever with the hope of everlasting life.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

You are invited to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead or your hand.

* Words of Pardon

* Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Hymnal #295

* Benediction

Postlude

Brother James' Air

arr. Kalbfleisch

* Those able are invited to stand.