

# Service for Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

7:00 p.m.



Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

arr. Bert Carlson

Call to Worship

God sent Christ into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

*John 3:17; Ps. 46:1-3*

**God's love endures forever.**

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though the waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**God's love endures forever**

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made  
and you forgive the sins of all who trust in you.  
Create in us new and contrite hearts,  
that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness,  
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Hymn 675

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter: Psalm 51 *followed by silent reflection*

Refrain: Hymnal 423

Refrain: **Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Scripture Lesson: Luke 5:27-32

Sermon: “House Call from the Soul Doctor” *followed by silent reflection*

Rev. Carter

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Imposition of Ashes

**Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.  
May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence,  
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

***In life and in death, I belong to God.***

Concluding Prayer

***Accomplish in us, O God,***

***the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world.***

***Through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself.***

***Following his example of prayer and fasting,***

***may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love;***

***through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\* Hymn 792

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

\* Blessing and Charge

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being –  
spirit, soul, and body - free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Amen.***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

“God be Merciful to Me”

arr. Roy Brunner