

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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

HYMN

"With These Ashes"

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2, 2022

6:30 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

PRELUDE "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, for the Lord has a controversy with His people,

People: For I redeemed you from the house of slavery, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

People: Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Leader: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

People: Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Leader: He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

People: and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 11:37-42

HYMN "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" Verses 1, 2, & 3

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1:22-37

VIDEO INTRODUCTION & PRESENTATION

ANTHEM "Lord, Create in Me"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 58:1-12

SERMON Rev. Jodie Ife

CONFESSION AND PARDON

From Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

All: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

All: Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

Leader: Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

All: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;

Leader: Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: The I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Leader: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

All: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

Leader: For you have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.