Congregational Response Hymn #442

Just as I am

Charlotte Elliott

## Imposition of the Ashes

**Congregational Hymn** 

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

You are invited to come forward and receive the mark of these ashes one of two ways: on the back of your hand, or on your forehead.

**Lenten Charge and Challenge** 

Rev. Susan Mozena

## **Commitment and Commissioning**

Hymn of Sending

Hymn #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley

**Benediction** 

Rev. Susan Mozena

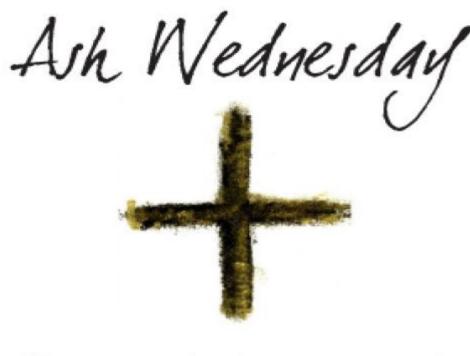
Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

We are pleased to welcome The Rev. Susan Mozena once again as our guest minister for this evening's service, assisted by MJ Floreno as liturgist.

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

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Taizé Imposition of the Ashes

February 14, 2024

7:00 p.m.

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#### **Gather in Silence**

Please enter and remain in silence until the service begins.

#### Call to Prayer

When you are able, join in the singing:

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Brief silence

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit** 

Hymn #282

Come Down, O Love Divine

Bianco da Siena

Call to Confession (from Psalm 51)

**MJ Floreno** 

The Sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Prayer of Confession** (from *Psalm 51*)

MJ Floreno

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 judgement.

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 hide your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a steadfast 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.

Hymn #417 Lord Jesus, Think On Me Synesius of Cyrene

Please remain seated

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Rev. Susan Mozena

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

Believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven AMEN

### **Passing the Peace**

Rev. Susan Mozena

Take this opportunity to greet one another with words and signs of the peace of Christ. Please join in singing:

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.

# **Praying & Listening to God's Word**

# **Prayer for Illumination**

**MJ Floreno** 

All: Gracious God, we pray that your Spirit would attend us this night as we listen, sing, pray and preach your word. Gathered here by the power of your Spirit, we ask that you open our hearts and quiet our minds. We pray In the name of Jesus. AMEN

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:1-12 MJ Floreno

Anthem Kyrie from the Mass in G Major Franz Schubert

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Rev. Susan Mozena

Reflection A Dangerous Lent Rev. Susan Mozena