



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary



Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 6:50 p.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Sicilienne, from Suite, Op. 5

Maurice Duruflé

WELCOME

John Willingham

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One As we embark upon this Lenten season,

All we come to worship God.

One Aware of our frailty and our failings,

All we come seeking God's forgiveness.

One Aware of our mortality,

All we come seeking God's mercy.

One In the sanctity of worship, we are marked with the waters of baptism.

All We come now to be marked with ashes.

One We come to confess before God.

All We come to let go of that which we confess.

One We come to remember the promises of life.

All We come in the hope of being made new.

One So let us humble ourselves before God, not with the weight of
our burdens,

All but with the joy of freedom in Jesus' name.

HYMN 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY & TENDERLY

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole

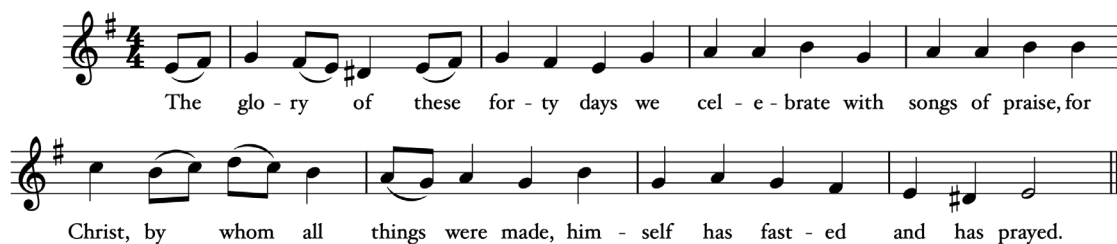
heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love. Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON John 3:16-17

(pg. 94 in pew Bible)

SOLO Pie Jesu

Lili Boulanger

Kara Goodrich, soprano

SECOND LESSON Psalm 51:1-15

Melanie Hardison

(pg. 520 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Let Us Be Marked*

Melanie Hardison

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 433 Sign Us with Ashes

PHOENIX

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

Melanie Hardison

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

All who wish are invited to come forward to receive the sign of the cross
made with ashes on the forehead or hand.

SOLO Ave Verum Corpus
Kara Goodrich, soprano

Edward Elgar

HYMN 423 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

SARADAY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

All 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 421 Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life

IRISH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Melanie Hardison

POSTLUDE Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir (BWV 687)
"Out of the depths I cry to Thee"

J. S. Bach

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