Ash Wednesday, February 17th~ Following Jesus

If you are seeking ashes they are available at the parking lot entrance to the church between 12pm-1pm and 5pm-5:45pm on Ash Wednesday
Worship will be live streamed at 6pm

Prelude, Words of Welcome, Reading from Today's Daily Text

Liturgy Ash Wednesday

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but turn to him and live. **As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love – the discipline of Lent – help us to wage our spiritual warfare.**

Therefore, commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

Silent Prayer and Examination of Conscience

Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to you, 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, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,
we confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
we confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
we confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
we confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
we confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.
Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

HYMN "Come, You Sinners" #765

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Prayers Of Intercession

Meditation with Youth and Children
Scripture Luke 9:51-62
Sermon *Following Jesus*

Our Offerings *Celebrating the ways we can offer ourselves and our resources to reflect Christ's care for others*
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Closing Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" #600, vs 1, 4, 5

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his voice is sounding, saying "Christian, follow me."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of work and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us; by your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Benediction & Postlude **CCLI 172614**

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