



*Rooted in Christ's Love,
Growing in the Spirit,
Going in God's Mission*

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Ash Wednesday Service
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Rooted in Christ Through Love

Prelude *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Keveren

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Maxwell Michaels

*Call to Worship

We come to worship God as the Lenten season begins, aware of our frailty and our failings.

We come seeking God's mercy, acknowledging our mortality.

Having received the waters of baptism,

we come to be marked now with ashes.

May we humble ourselves before God, not with a yoke of burden

but a mantle of freedom in Jesus' name.

*Hymn 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Passage Isaiah 58:1-12

New Testament Passage Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

Homily "Ashes to Ashes" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

*Hymn 824 *There is a Place of Quiet Rest* MCAFEE
(vs. 1 & 3)

Litany of Ashes

Imposition of Ashes *Count the Stars* Beck
Chancel Choir

I will count the stars for you. I will look upon the raindrops and the morning dew. I will search the moonbeams, I'll explore the rising sun, and when the evening comes, I'll count the stars. I'll count the stars. Requiem aeternam dona eis domine (eternal rest, give to them O Lord) et lux perpetua luceat eis (let perpetual light shine upon them). I will count the stars for you. I will climb the highest mountain, cross the ocean, too. I will watch the snow fall; I will listen to the wind. And when the evening comes, I'll count the stars. I'll count the stars.

It is Well With My Soul Keveren
Leigh Montague-Cellist

Pastoral Prayers

*Closing Hymn 836 *Abide With Me* EVENTIDE
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Christ, Mighty Savior* Hurd/McDougall
Chancel Choir

*Postlude *I Need Thee Every Hour* Hawks/Lowry

Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk.

We would like to thank Leigh Montague, guest cellist, for her time and talents.