

Ash Wednesday

WE GATHER IN SILENCE

Introit

Welcome

Pastor Ryan Bennett

Greeting

All

Oh God, have mercy on us, we pray. In your mercy, make us clean from our sins. Wipe away every failing, and make us new in your sight. Restore us, deliver us, and re-create us, oh God.

Choral Reflection

"Kyrie"

Responsive Prayer

Psalm 51 (UMH 785-786)

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:12-13

Meditation: With All Your Heart

Pastor Steve Boutell

***Song of Preparation**

"When We Are Living" UMH 356

Prayer of Confession

All

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Choral Reflection

"I Choose Love"

Words of Forgiveness

Invitation to a Holy Lent

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of the Ashes

***Benediction**

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