

Leader: For our waste and pollution. . . those who come after us.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: Restore us, O God of our salvation,
and show us your steadfast love.

All: Turn to us in your mercy, and redeem us.

GOING FORTH

*Hymn (See Insert)

"Day Is Done"

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*Charge and Blessing

May the God of peace make you holy in every way
and keep your whole being - spirit, soul, and body
free from every fault at the coming of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Bless the Lord

The Lord's name be praised.

Please depart quietly this evening.

* Please rise in body or spirit

Welcome to Worship on this Ash Wednesday evening, the beginning of the season of Lent. In this season we invite one another to a period of self-reflection, a slower pace, and a time to renew our relationship with Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to stop, listen, and learn.

Assisting in worship this evening are Pat and George Radosavljevic, The Chancel Choir, and Ken Hockenberry.

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MARCH 6, 2019 - 7:00 PM

GATHERING

Greeting, Welcome, and Announcements

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Entry into Worship for the Season of Lent

God sent Christ into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength,
a present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear
though the earth should change.**

(A Time of Silence)

A Gathering Prayer *(in unison)*

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
Create in us new and contrite hearts,
that truly repenting of our sins,
and acknowledging our brokenness,
we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy,
full pardon and forgiveness;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Hymn *(See insert)*

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

HEARING THE WORD - IMPOSITION OF ASHES

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

An Offering of Music

Third Lesson: Matthew 6:1-8, 16-21

A Word for our Journey in Lent

The Imposition of Ashes

*Those who wish are invited to receive the imposition of ashes
- on your forehead or the palm of your hand.*

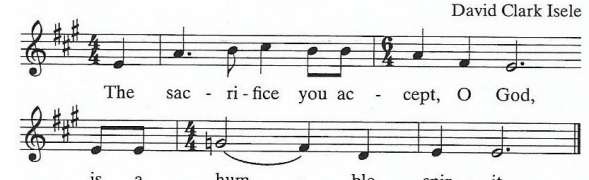
*Please go to a person who is offering the ashes, receive them,
and then return to your seat. Thank you.*

RESPONDING

Psalm 51 - *A Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon*

When directed by the leader, please sing the refrain:

David Clark Isele



The sac - ri - fice you ac - cept, O God,
is a hum - ble spir - it.

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A Litany of Penitence

Leader: Holy and merciful God. . . as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not listened to your . . . grieved your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We confess to you. . . and impatience in our lives.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: For our self-indulgent appetites. . . exploitation of other people.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: For our anger. . . those more fortunate than ourselves.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: For our intemperate love. . . dishonesty in daily life and work.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: For our negligence in prayer. . . the faith that is in us.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God. . . to injustice and cruelty.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: For all false judgments. . . those who differ from us.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.