

An Open & Affirming Congregation



"Ash" Mike Moyers (2016)

March 5, 2025 7:30 am Ash Wednesday Service & Imposition of Ashes

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, CEB

So it is also written, The first human, Adam, became a living person, and the last Adam became a spirit that gives life. But the physical body comes first, not the spiritual one—the spiritual body comes afterward. The first human was from the earth made from dust; the second human is from heaven. The nature of the person made of dust is shared by people who are made of dust, and the nature of the heavenly person is shared by heavenly people. We will look like the heavenly person in the same way as we have looked like the person made from dust.

GATHERING AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PROCLAMATION Joel 2:1, 12-17, 21-22, NRSV Dan De Leon

WORDS OF WELCOME Dan De Leon

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Joel 2:12)

Dan De Leon

One: Turn away from the calls of worldly success

All: Repent, and turn back to God.

One: Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has

All: Repent, and turn back to God.

One: Turn away from greed and the race for power

All: Repent, and turn back to God.

One: As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God

All: May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness.

May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship.

*OPENING SONG FROM TAIZÉ: "Bless the Lord"

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. *Invocation Trent Williams

PSALM READING Psalm 90:1-10, 12, NRSV Trent Williams

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18, The Message; 6:19-21, FNV Brooke Dooley

One: The Word of God for the people of God. All: God is still speaking. Thanks be to God!

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Dan De Leon

Pastoral Prayer Dan De Leon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (based on Matthew 6:9-13, CEB)

Dan De Leon

Our Parent who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven.

Give us the bread we need for today.

Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you,

just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.

And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

For yours is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Trent Williams

One: O God of Grace, may we not have received you in vain.

When we pray because we desire others' good opinion,

All: Forgive us, Lord.

One: When we give our gifts for others' approval,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: When we deny ourselves to get others' admiration,

All: Forgive us, Merciful One.

One: When we fail to do unto others as we would like them to do unto us,

All: Forgive us, Spirit of Love.

One: When we put our privileged selves first,

before the poor and needy and disadvantaged of this world,

All: Forgive us, Creator of Truth.

One: When we keep for ourselves more than what we need,

All: Forgive us, Freely-Giving God.

One: Forgive us our sins and trespasses and debts.

All: Only then can our souls be washed clean and spotless.

Only then can we be your true servants.

Only then will we reach the pure heart of the matter.

Assurance of Pardon

Trent Williams

Instructions for the Imposition of Ashes

Trent Williams

PRAYER FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Brooke Dooley

*Imposition of Ashes

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 163 - Many Are the Lightbeams

*Benediction

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*Passing of the Peace

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