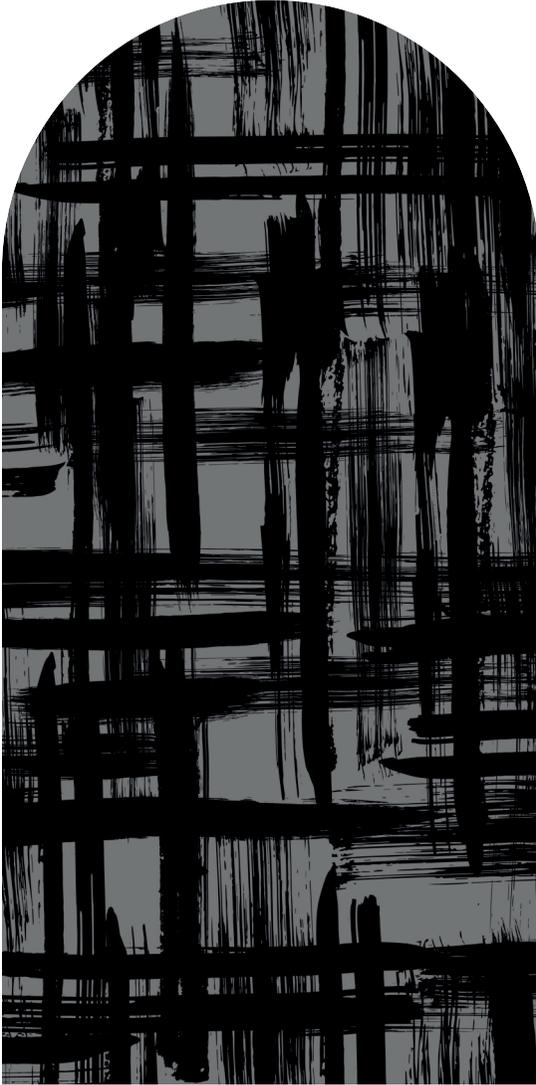


# ASH WEDNESDAY



By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till  
you return to the ground, for out of it you were  
taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return

Genesis 3:19

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 18, 2026  
ASH WEDNESDAY

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Clay Holland (7:00 AM)  
Rev. John Trapp (12:00 PM)  
Rev. Stacey Croft (7:00 PM)

Minister: O Lord, open my lips,

**People: And our mouths will declare your praise.**

Minister: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it.

**People: You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

Minister: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

## ❖ THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson

There is one Gospel on which I stand  
For all eternity  
It is my story my Father's plan  
The Son has rescued me  
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling  
All else I count as loss  
For there where justice and mercy meet  
He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found  
The empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not keep my Savior down  
He lives and I am free  
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes  
My life is His and His hope is mine  
For he has promised I too will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one  
We do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on  
To lead us safely home

And when in glory still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Savior the King of life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (2x)

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I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
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### ❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty and everlasting God, you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may attain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### ❖ BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Elizabeth C. Clephane and Christopher Miner

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand  
The shadow of a mighty Rock  
Within a weary land  
A home within the wilderness  
A rest upon the way  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one  
Who suffered there for me  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
Two wonders I confess  
The wonders of redeeming love  
And my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
For my abiding place  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of his face  
Content to let the world go by  
To know no gain nor loss  
My sinful self my only shame  
My glory all the cross

### THE CALL TO REPENTANCE

Various Passages

Minister: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness.

**All: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath... My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.**

Minister: Return to the LORD your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.**

Minister: Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him:

**All: Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, so that we may offer the fruit of our lips.**

Minister: But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

**All: Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear... Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.**

Minister: The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins.

**All: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

**He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

## **COME, YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED**

Kevin Twit and Joseph Swain

Come ye souls by sin afflicted  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down  
By the broken law convicted  
Through the cross behold the crown  
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus  
Mercy flows through him alone

Take his easy yoke and wear it  
Love will make your obedience sweet  
Christ will give you strength to bear it  
While his grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory  
Where his ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see him  
Blessed the ears that hear his voice  
Blessed are the souls that trust him  
And in him alone rejoice  
His commandments, his commandments  
His commandments  
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary  
Light to newly opened eyes  
Like full springs in deserts dreary  
Is the rest the cross supplies  
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus  
Mercy flows through him alone

#### ✚ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole community 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.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Leader: 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.

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Leader: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience in our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**People: We confess to you, Lord.**

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**People: We confess to you, Lord.**

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship,  
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**People: We confess to you, Lord.**

Leader: Accept our repentance, Lord,  
for the wrongs we have done.  
For our neglect of human need and suffering  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**People: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Leader: For false judgments,  
for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt toward  
those who differ from us,

**People: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Leader: Restore us, good Lord,  
and let your anger depart from us;

**People: Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Leader: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**People: That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Leader: By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**All: Bring us with all your saints to the joy  
of his resurrection.**

## ❖ AMAZING GRACE

AMAZING GRACE, Traditional American melody, John Newton

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun

*We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun*

Minister: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. He will feed his flock like a shepherd and gather the lambs in his arms. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**People: For through Christ Jesus, the law of the spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you!**

## THE HOMILY

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing of a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward to partake. If you are not a Christian, have not been admitted to the Lord's table, or choose not to partake you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed in front of your body to receive a blessing.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: *Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

**People: Grant us your peace.**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*During communion, wine and grape juice are served.*

*Grape juice, in a purple cup, is available upon request.*

*All communion bread is gluten-free.*

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.*

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*If you would like to receive ashes placed on your forehead in the sign of a cross, please proceed to the designated station after partaking of communion. From the eighth century onward, many Christians have entered into the season of Lent with this visible reminder of their need for repentance. While the ashes remind us of our sinfulness and need for repentance, their cross shape reminds us of the good news that through the work of Christ on the cross there is forgiveness for all our sins. The imposition of ashes, like similar external practices, is meaningless, even hypocritical, unless there is a corresponding inner repentance and change of heart.*

## HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

ADA HABERESHON AND MATT MERKER

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast

*Chorus:*

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast*

*For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast (*Ch*)

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast  
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last (*Ch 2x*)

## ❖ BENEDICTION

**Minister:** May God the Father, who does not despise the broken, give you a contrite heart. May God the Son, who bore our sins in his body on the cross, heal you by his wounds. May God the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Worship Leaders

Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar &amp; vocals</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>
Alex Martinez	<i>homily</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>
John Trapp	<i>liturgy</i>
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>
Andrés Zelaya	<i>homily</i>

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Paul Brennan	<i>projections</i>
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Kyunghye Kim	<i>projections</i>
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Alex Martinez	<i>Spanish translation</i>

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