

The Order of Worship

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

You Are My All in All W&S 3040
Edy Pratt and Sam Chin

Lighting of the Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Even now, says the Lord: Return to me with all your heart. Blow the trumpet in Zion.

All: With all our hearts we return to the Lord, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* UMH 269

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Affirmation from 1 Timothy* UMH 889

OPENING PRAYER (Seated; in unison) *Ash Wednesday* UMH 353

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Joel 2:1-2; 12-17a Pew Bible, p. 740-741

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *People Need the Lord* arr. J. Purifoy
Chancel Choir, ASL interpretation by Myra Wagner

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal p. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Lord of Life, you said that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. Receive our treasure, the fruit of our labor, that we may live, not only for ourselves, but for all your children. For this and for the healing of the world, we pray in the generous spirit of Christ. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Pew Bible, p.787

* HYMN OF PREPERATION *Give Me Jesus* W&S 3140

ASH WEDNESDAY MEDITATION Pastor George

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

A PSALM OF CONFESSION Psalm 51:1-17, Response 1 UMH 785-786

ABSOLUTION

Leader: The almighty and merciful God, Source of our salvation in Christ, who desires not the death of a sinner but rather that we turn from wickedness and live; accept your repentance, forgive your sins, and restore you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life.

People: Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES (together)

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth; Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Change My Heart, O God* TFWS 2152

*THE SENDING FORTH

Leader: Go forth into the world in the strength of God's mercy to live and to serve in newness of life.

People: Amen.

Leader: May the Lamb of God who laid down his life for all, graciously smile upon you.

People: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord God order all your days and deeds in peace.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE *Jewels ("When He Cometh")* Root, arr. Spong

**Please rise in posture or spirit*
TFWS: *The Faith We Sing*

UMH: *U.M. Hymnal*

Bold print: in unison
W&S: *Worship and Song*

Ash Wednesday

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**Create in me a
clean heart, O God,
and put a right
spirit within me.**

Psalm 51:10, NRSV

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