

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
First Reformed Church
Volga, SD
March 2, 2022

Pastor: Gary Mulder
Musicians: Jan Clapp and Michelle Vander Wal

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 116:1-9 p. 955

* Hymn: 317 – *Love Lifted Me*
311 – *He Giveth More Grace*

* Opening Prayer

The Medallion Meaning

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.”

People: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Leader: Lord, you said, “You may ask for anything in my name.”

People: Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.

Leader: Lord, you said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

People: We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Leader: Lord, you said, “If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.”

People: Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Leader: Lord, you said, “You must testify, for you have been with me.”

People: We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Leader: Lord, you said, “Love each other as I have loved you.”

People: In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.

* Hymn: 367 – Fill My Cup, Lord

Scripture: Joel 2:1-2; 12-17 p. 1414

Sermon: ***“Return to the Lord***

* Hymn: 369 - *“Jesus, I Come*

Receiving of Ashes and Medallions

When the hymn is over, the organist will continue to play.

Each row will come forward down the center aisle
to receive the application of ashes on the hand.

You will receive a Lenten medallion.

Please use the outside aisles to exit the sanctuary in silence.