

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

*Running
from*

REST

and

REPENTANCE

Don't you realize how patient he is being with you? Or don't you care?
Can't you see that he has been waiting all this time
without punishing you, to give you time to turn from your sin?
His kindness is meant to lead you to repentance.

Romans 2:4 TLB



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

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6:00 PM Worship

Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2026

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Invitation to Lent

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Opening Prayer

Song “**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**”

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Confession of Sin & Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. **C: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion 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.**

P: 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.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: 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 saddened your Holy Spirit. **C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, **C: We confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, **C: We confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, **C: We confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us, **C: We confess to you, Lord.**

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

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, **C: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, **C: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes with Explanation

Please come forward if you desire to receive ashes.

Please observe silence during this time.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Romans 2:1-5 TLB

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Luke 13:1-5

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Sermon Text: Isaiah 30:8-17 NIV

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Sermon **“Running from Rest & Repentance”**

Give Thanks to God

Song **“Were You There”** (verses 1-3)

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Apostles Creed

Offering

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **“Lamb of God”**

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him
as He died, The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed
the Lamb of God.

Chorus

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

Chorus

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Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve