With all that you are are a service of the service

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 6:30 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12)
Roll up your sleeves.
Let down your guard.
Come in from the storm.
Make yourself at home.
Pull up to the table.
Release the tension in your jaw.
Take a deep breath.
Return to God
with all your heart.
May it be so.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Holy God, I confess: I don't return to you fully. I share with you the pieces of my life that are convenient. I put on different hats in different rooms. I forget that I am called, invited, and loved with all that I am—including my mess, my beauty, my faith, and my doubt.Forgive me, and give me a heart that longs to return.

Friend, God sees you. God hears you. God loves you. You are forgiven and claimed with all that you are. Rest in that good news.

Thanks be to God, amen.

Holy God, we confess: we don't return to you fully. We share with you the pieces of our lives that are convenient.

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HYMN 81.... LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days For us didst fast and pray, Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay. 2 As Thou with Satan didst contend, And didst the victory win, O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to conquer sin. 3 And through these days of penitence, And through Thy Passiontide, Yea, evermore, in life and death, O I ord, with us abide. 4 Abide with us, that so, this life Of suffering over-past, An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING -2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 - 6:10 HOMILY......REV. MEG LINDSAY DUDLEY

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM

You may now come forward for the imposition of ashes, please form a line in the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward please signal the pastor after the line finishes and she will come to you.

As you come forward you invited to pause at the baptismal font on your way to receive your ashes and take a bead as a reminder of your baptism, "You are a beloved child of God, and we love because God first loved us"

HYMN 85.....WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

