



February 14, 2018

PRELUDE "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" David N. Johnson  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Heitmann

CHORAL INTROIT "Restore in Us, O God" Baylor  
Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

We have gathered in the presence of God our creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

**We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.**

We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

**We have gathered in the presence of the cross, whose image reminds us of the suffering and pain in the world.**

In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

**In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy. Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" 442

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Let us pray.

**Most holy and merciful God: 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.**

We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**We have ignored your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

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.

***We confess to you, O God, 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 our daily life and work.***

We confess to you, O God, our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

***Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.***

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

***For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,***

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

***Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Joel 2:1-2, 12-18

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

MEDITATION MUSIC “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Brenda E. Austin  
Chancel Bells

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

## MEDITATION

ANTHEM “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” Southern Harmony/arr. Koozer

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

\*HYMN “Dust and Ashes Touch our Face”

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

You are invited to depart the sanctuary in peace and in silence.

# *Covenant* Season of Lent Sermon Series

*As we journey with Christ to the cross during the season of Lent, we will reflect on the theme of covenant, culminating in the ultimate covenant that God made with us through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*February 18: God's Covenant with Noah (Genesis 9:8-17)*

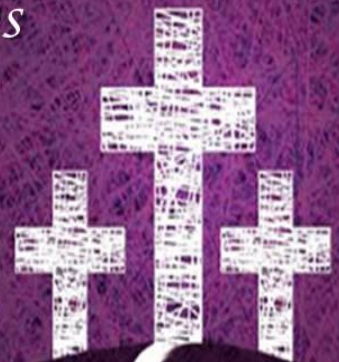
*February 25: God's Covenant with Abraham & Sarah (Genesis 17)*

*March 4: Contracts and Covenants (Exodus 20:1-17)*

*March 11: Unbreakable Covenants (Ephesians 2:1-8)*

*March 18: Marriage Vows (Jeremiah 31:31-34)*

*March 25: Assumptions - Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1-11)*



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