

ORDER OF SERVICE

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 • 7:00 PM



WELCOME

Neil Trainer

PRAYER OF INVOCATION "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #101, vv. 1-4

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90:1-5, 12

Emily Mitchell

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

All: **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

One: You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

All: **A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

One: Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death — they are like the new grass of the morning...

All: **Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

INVITATION TO LENTEN OBSERVANCE

REFLECTION

SONG "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #316, vv. 1-4

REPENTANCE

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:9-16 NLT

SONG "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray:

All: **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.**

One: 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.

All: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

All: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

One: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

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One: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

One: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

One: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

One: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All: **We confess to you, O God.**

One: 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,

All: **Accept our repentance, O God.**

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

All: **Accept our repentance, O God.**

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

All: **Accept our repentance, O God.**

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

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

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

REMEMBRANCE

SONG "Softly and Tenderly"

CLOSING PRAYER

One: God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will.

All: **Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us;
make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us;
fill us with the life that is Christ within us.**

One: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever,

All: **Amen.**

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IMPOSITION OF ASHES

BENEDICTION

(Please leave in silence)