

ORDER OF SERVICE

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 • 6:30 PM



PRELUDE "Taize Kyrie #10, Kyrie #19"

String Ensemble

WELCOME

Patrick Meagher

REPENTANCE

SONG "Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life"

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 51:1–10 CEB*

One: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

All: **Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!**

One: Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

All: **Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.**

One: I've sinned against you — you alone. I've committed evil in your sight.
That's why you are justified when you render your verdict,
completely correct when you issue your judgment.

All: **Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.
And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places;
you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.**

One: Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

All: **Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.**

One: Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!

All: **Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!**

SONG "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

INVITATION TO LENTEN OBSERVANCE

SILENCE

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE "Dona Nobis Pacem"

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 51:11–17 CEB

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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 prayer, passion, and intelligence.
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.

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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.**

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

RESPONSE *****

SONG "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

INVITATION TO RESPOND

SILENCE

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.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES "Sign Us With Ashes" and "Softly and Tenderly"

BENEDICTION

(Please leave in silence)