

## Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026 (11:00 am)

In our Service this morning we will use the Book of Alternative Services

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts* Psalm 95:7

**Celebrant:** Rev. Bert Chestnut

**Licensed Lay Minister:** Barb Patterson

**Processional Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** CP 384

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

**Gradual Hymn:** Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear CP 521

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Sermon** Rev. Bert Chestnut

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The Imposition of Ashes

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**Offertory Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds** CP 620

### Prayer over the Gifts:

Merciful God, **turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, now and forever.**

### Prayer of Consecration

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The Breaking of the Bread for Lent Page 213

### Communion Hymns:

**Just As I Am** CP 615

**Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive** CP 614

### Prayer after Communion:

God of compassion, **through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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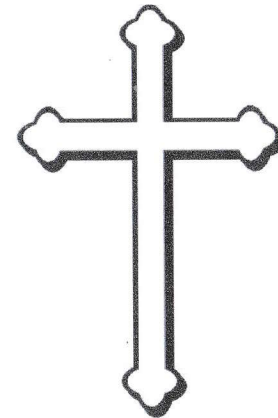
The Blessing and Dismissal

**Recessional Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee** CP 551

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joyfully sharing God's gifts!**



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