



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

*Savior, When in Dust to You
Be Still, My Soul*

Gerald Near
Edwin T. Childs

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal and merciful God, we are children of dust and unworthy of the favors and goodness you shower upon us. We have not loved as you have loved us, nor have we lived as we ought, and our years are soon gone to ashes and dust. God, have mercy upon us. Lift us above every past regret and present failure; reveal to us our true selves; and give us grace to accept your mercy and courage to live by your promise. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. We have no other hope saved in you. Amen.

HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

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OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:4-9

MEDITATION

No Cure for Being Human

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

MUSIC

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Jack Schrader

ABOUT ASHES

We are all first marked with the cross using water at our baptisms. At that time to be marked with the cross is a wonderful thing. We are identified as the beloved children of God. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with the cross using ashes and the words, "remember you are dust." The ashes and words remind us that we are not so wonderful. In fact, we are all sinners. But a cross reminding us that God loves and forgives us, sinners though we be.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

HYMN *Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes* 2138

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* J. Pachelbel

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*Offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary.*



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