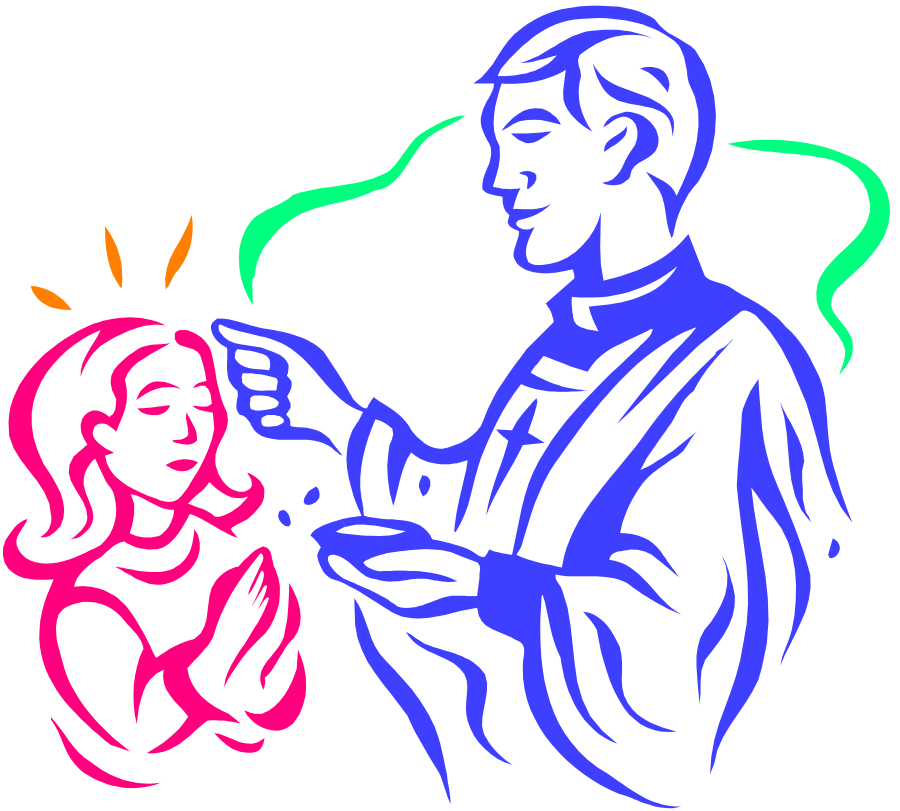


*Ash Wednesday*  
*Wednesday, February 6, 2008*



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**February 6, 2008**

**Ash Wednesday**

**7:00p.m.**

A hearty welcome to everyone! The Bible teaches that all are blessed who take refuge in God (Psalm 2:11). Receive the blessings awaiting you now.

## Order of Worship

**PRELUDE**      “A Closer Walk With Thee”      James Denton

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*L: Let us worship God. God sent Christ into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.*

**C: GOD’S LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.**

*L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

**C: GOD’S LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**\*HYMN**      383      “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17**      (Pew Bible OT Page 846 & 847)

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:20b-6: 10**

(Pew Bible OT Page 181 & 182)

*L: This the Word of the Lord*

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**ANTHEM      “Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble”**  
**Martin Smith**

**\*MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21      (Pew Bible NT Page 5 & 6)**

*L: This the Gospel of the Lord*

**C: PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**MEDITATION:      “RETURNING TO GOD”**

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENT**

**LITANY OF PENITENCE**

*L: Let us pray.*

**C: HOLY AND MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS TO YOU AND TO ONE ANOTHER, 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.**

*L: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.*

**C: HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD.**

*L: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.*

**C: ACCEPT OUR REPENTANCE, O GOD.**

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

**C: FAVORABLY HEAR US, O GOD, FOR YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

**PERSONAL CONFESSION AND SELF-EXAMINATION**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**CONCLUSION OF THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES:**

*L: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,*

**C: THAT WE MAY SHOW FORTH YOUR GLORY  
IN THE WORLD.**

*L: By the cross and passion of our Savior,*

**C: BRING US WITH ALL YOUR SAINTS TO THE  
JOY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY “Forty Days and Forty Nights” Traditional**

**\*DOXOLOGY (Page 592 in Hymnal)**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 370 “Just as I am, Without One Plea”**

**EUCHARIST: Please follow in the hymnal, page 13**

**\*HYMN 396 “O for a Closer Walk with God”**

**\*PRAYER:**

**\*BLESSING:**

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE “Prelude” Cesar Franc**

**\* Those who are able, please stand.**

