

Choral Response

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

My faith looks up to Thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be
A living fire!

Closing Prayer*

(please read responsively)

L: Righteous God, compassionate and generous one;

**C: Fill our broken and hidden places with your healing light,
Breathe on us afresh and grant us peace.**

L: As we journey through these 40 days, may your compassion bloom in us;

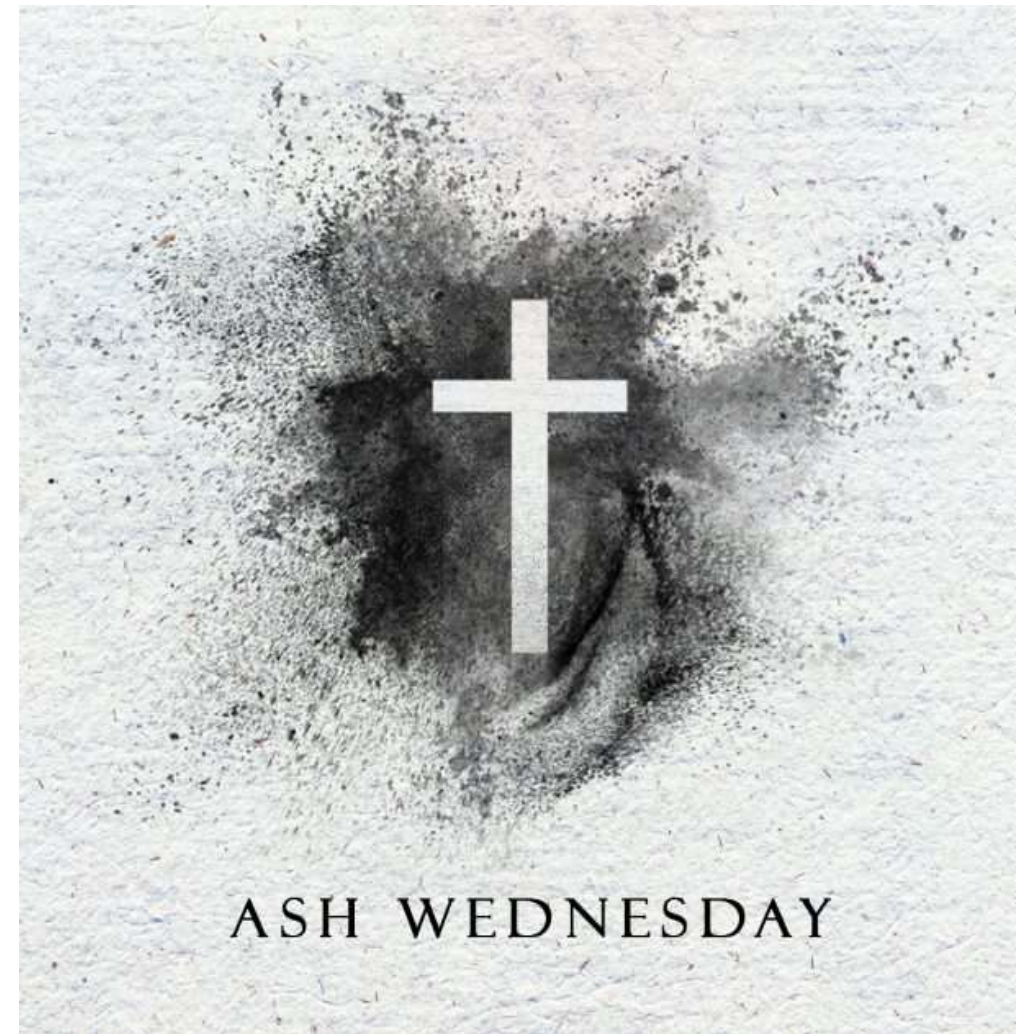
**C: May your love grow strong and deep within us;
May your righteousness bear fruit in our lives;**

L: May your generosity encourage us to share;

**All: May your power strengthen us as we carry the cross;
Breathe on us afresh that we may be makers of peace. Amen**

Benediction *
Pinkney

Minister



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Reverend Merle D. McJunkin, Pastor

March 5, 2025
7:00 P.M.

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Associate Ministers: Rev. Dr. Karen Blacks, Rev. Dr. Angela Hooks
Min. Gloria J. Pinkney, Rev. John R. Simon
Mr. James Farley, Music Director/Choir Director, Lead Musician
Mr. Earl Brown, Music Director Emeritus/Organist
Mr. Kyle and Mr. Andrew Brown, Percussionists

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 5, 2025
7:00 P.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: “In the Garden” # 494

Call to Worship/Invocation

Welcome/Occasion

Scripture Psalm 51 (NRSVUE)

Call to Confession

Lenten Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, in this season of repentance, we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness.

Lord, we have not always kept your 10 Commandments. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul and might, nor our neighbors as ourselves. May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord, we have denied you, each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry, the homeless and the incarcerated. May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord, we have betrayed you, each time we have kept our distance from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted. May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord, we have mocked you, each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live for justice. May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord, we are lost and have strayed, reconcile us and make us new. May the old in us pass away and all things become new, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn *

“Open My Eyes”

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free. **Refrain**

Open my ears that I may hear
voices of truth Thou send-est clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Ev'ry-thing false will disappear. **Refrain**

Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'ry-where;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share. **Refrain**

Refrain: Silently now I wait for Thee. Ready my God thy will to see. Open my eyes illumine me, Spirit Divine.

Scripture

Micah 6:8

Ministry of Music

“Give Me A Clean Heart

Meditation

“What Does God Require of You?”

Minister Gloria J. Pinkney

Hymn

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”

Must Jesus bear the cross alone
And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ry one,
And there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear
Till death shall set me free
And then go home my crown to wear,
For there's a crown for me.

Imposition of Ashes

(Please approach the altar in the same manner as for communion.)