

# “What Are We Going To Do With Our 40 Days?”



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**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 2, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m.**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
ASH WEDNESDAY

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs  
in parched places.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

**Almighty God, through love you have made us, and for love  
you call us to repentance. Grant that we who seek to mend our  
sinful ways may find strength in your compassion and  
forgiveness. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; give us your  
Holy Spirit that we may serve you with willing hearts, bearing  
witness to your abundant mercy in all the world; through Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51: 1-4, 10-12, 15-17  
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

“A Willing Heart”  
(Fettke)

Choir

SERMON

“What Are We Going to Do With Our Forty Days?”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER (in unison)

(\*) All who are able please stand when noted.

**Help us, awesome God, to be honest with ourselves and  
with you. We want to change our wasteful, destructive  
ways. We want to be rid of the evil that weighs us down,  
the guilt that crushes our spirits. Have mercy on us as we  
remember and confess our sins in these moments of silent  
struggle. Purge us of all the garbage from our past. Wash us  
in the flowing streams of your forgiving love. Create in us  
clean hearts, O God, and fill our lives with a new and right  
spirit. Sustain our hearts day by day in renewed focus on  
your steadfast love. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

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SERVICE OF ASHES

GREETING (leader only)

Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross. Jesus  
came to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release  
to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate  
those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of God’s  
favor.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE ASHES

CLOSING WORDS

Almighty God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather  
that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore  
we implore God to grant us true repentance and the Holy  
Spirit that those things which we do this day may be pleasing  
to God, that the rest of our lives may be lived faithfully, and  
that at the last we may come to God’s eternal joy; through  
Jesus the Christ.

**Thanks be to God! (all)**

CLOSING HYMN

“What Wondrous Love is This”

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POSTLUDE