

Welcome to Worship!

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

6:30pm



“Take Up Your Cross”



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Helping People 'Say Yes' to God

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(Worship will start in Fellowship Hall)

Prelude

"How Great Thou Art"

Chris Kuter, vocals and guitar

Welcome

†Musical Call to Worship

"The Summons"

The Faith We Sing #2130

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go, Where your love and footsteps show

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Processional into Sanctuary

Opening Prayer for Ash Wednesday

The U.M. Hymnal #353

Trumpet Solo

Charlie Watson

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Trumpet Solo

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Matthew 16:24-26

Dramatic Reading about Bearing Crosses

Leader: Pastor Marianne

Reader 1: Grayson Lutz

Reader 2: Molly Stewart

Reader 3: Paige Goeckermann

Whenever the leader says, “Jesus says to us,” the congregation will respond, **“Take up your cross and follow me.”**

(This will occur four times during this dramatic reading.)

Invitation to Holy Lent

Silent Prayer of Confession

Hymn

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

The U.M. Hymnal #301

Verse 1

Imposition of Ashes

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

The U.M. Hymnal #301

Verses 2-4

The children will receive the ashes first.

Then, as the rest of congregation comes forward, we will sing together, “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross.”

Reading: Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 58:6-9

Children’s Message

Offering – Special Music

“In Christ Alone”

Chris Kuter

†Offering Response

“The Old Rugged Cross”

The U.M. Hymnal #504 – Refrain Only

**So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Dear God, we ask your blessing on these gifts and on our intention to follow you throughout the season of Lent. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Introduction of Blessing Bags

Closing Prayer with Blessing of our Crosses

†Hymn

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
The Faith We Sing #2129*

†Closing Words

During Lent, we will fast from judgment, greed, fear and anxiety
We will feast on hope, humility, gratitude and wisdom.
We will fast from gossip, apathy, hatred, and lies
We will feast on grace, justice, forgiveness and faith,
We will feast on the love of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.
We go in God's name. Amen.

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

PastorMarianne Cotter
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz
Worship MusicAimee Lutz

Thank you to Chris Kuter and Jim Cotter for providing special music!