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Ash Wednesday¹

3:00 & 7:00 PM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: "Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12)

P: Roll up your sleeves.

L: Let down your guard.

P: Come in from the storm.

L: Make yourself at home.

P: Pull up to the table.

L: Release the tension in your jaw. Take a deep breath. Return to God with all your heart.

P: May it be so.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2138** (FWS, see p. 3) *Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes*

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy God, we confess: we don't return to you fully. We share with you the pieces of our lives that are convenient. We put on different hats in different rooms. We forget that we are called, invited, and loved with all that we are—including our mess, our beauty, our faith, and our doubt. Forgive us, and give us hearts that long to return.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ALL SING: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

SCRIPTURE

Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION & THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

INVITATION

L: Friends, Jesus has always been one to invite...This table is for you.

PRAYER & TELLING THE STORY

L: Let us pray: God who knows us, we are amazed by you...We long for these things.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: We long for these things and we remember that so often, the world rejects your gifts...God we are amazed by you. Your love never runs out, and so together we pray,

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES & SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus, for goodness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the fruits of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 354** (UM hymnal, see p. 4)

I Surrender All

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes

♩ = 80

Grand Piano




1. Sun - day's palms are Wednes - day's ash - es as an -
2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of -
3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to

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- other - er Lent be - gins; thus we kneel be - fore our Mak - er in con -
- fence - es to for - give; have not lis - tened to their trou - bles, nor have
proof of hu - man need; and our lack of un - der - stand - ing dem - on -

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- tri - tion for our sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal pledg - es, in re -
- cared just how they live; we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pat - tient, lov - ing
- strates our in - ner greed; we have wast - ed earth's re - sourc - es; want and

12



- bel - lion gone a - stray; now, re - turn - ing, seek for - give - ness; grant us
o - ver much our things; may the yield - ing of our fail - ings be our
suf - fering we've ig - nored; come and cleanse us, then re - store us; make new

16



par - don, God, this day!
Lent - en of - fer - ings.
hearts with - in us, Lord!

The First Song of Isaiah

♩ = 80

Piano



Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the

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Lord is my strong - hold and my sure de - fense and he wi - ll be my - Sav - ior.

I Surrender All


♩ = 80

Grand Piano



1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; all to him I
2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; hum - bly at his
3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; make me, Sav - ior,
4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; Lord, I give my -
5. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der; now I feel the

4



free - ly give; I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence
feet I bow, world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en; take me, Je - sus,
whol - ly thine; let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it, tru - ly know that
- self to thee; fill me with thy love and pow - er; let thy bless - ing
sac - red flame. O the joy of full sal - va - tion! Glo - ry, glo - ry

8



dai - ly live. I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,
take me now.
thou art mine.
fall on me.
to his name!

13



all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.