



United Methodist Church Of Rancho Cordova
Ash Wednesday Service
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Order Of Worship

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Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

*Call To Worship: (Stand As Able**)*

*L: Come people of God, to know again who you are.
Return to the One who gives you life.*

*P: We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our
creator.*

*L: Gather together, all who feel spent and discouraged,
all who are weighed down, and disheartened.*

A: Come let us draw near to God.

*Opening Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #382 ***

Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God, we come to you in the name of Jesus, your son and our
High Priest. We confess that there are times when we go against your
hopes for us your people. We confess that there are times when we go
against your Word for us. In silence, o Lord, hear us as we confess those
things we have done, and those things we have neglected to do; times
when we have failed you and each other.*

Reader 1: Joel 2:12-13, 2:15-17 - "A Call To Repentance"

Reader 2: Psalm 51:1-17

Reader 3: John 13:1-17

*Hymn: "I Surrender All" #354 ***

Meditation

Blessing Of The Ashes

*May these ashes be to us, O God, an acknowledgement of our wrongdoing and
our acceptance of your forgiveness. In these ashes are our prejudices, our
impatience, the times we have turned our backs on the suffering of others, our
neglect of the environment, our indifference, our materialism, our greed, our
hypocrisy, our envy, all of our sins. In these ashes of repentance are the seeds of
our forgiveness and our transformation. For God always accepts us and for-
gives us. Through our repentance and forgiveness comes transformation, may
God create within each of us a clean heart and a new and right spirit.*

Imposition Of The Ashes

Silence

*(You are invited to write a word or two on the slip of paper in your bulletin as
a way to name an area of your life where you need forgiveness, strength, or
transformation. We will offer all of this to God by placing the pieces of paper
in baskets during the Imposition Of Ashes.)*

People

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.
Then I will lead others to return to you, O God and learn your ways. Deliver
me from my guilt, O God of my salvation, and I will sing aloud of your
deliverance. I will sing your praises.*

Hymn: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea: #357

Benediction