

Organ Prelude

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Gathering Words and Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise:** Above All

***Call to Worship :**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye and believe the Gospel." He also said: "I have come that you might have life, and have that abundantly."

P: We come before God tonight to hear God's word, to confess our sins, and to ask God to strengthen us in our faith that we might live more holy lives.

L: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made – and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Most Holy and merciful God, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned against you by our own fault in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved neighbors as ourselves.

***Silent Prayer and *Prayer of Confession**

Being your saints is seldom easy, O Lord. You call us to love, even when we are hated. You call us to forgive, even when we are condemned. You call us to pray, even when we are persecuted. Forgive us when we neglect or ignore your call. Forgive us when we fail to be your saints. Guide us on this journey of discipleship that we may grow as your children and live in your love. We ask all this through Christ Jesus our Lord who taught us all to pray: **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

***Response to the Lord's Prayer:** A-men, A-men, A—men.

***Opening Hymn:** Change My Heart, O God

Old Testament Reading:

Joel 2: 1-2,12-17

Message:

Turn Around

Pastor Al

***Hymn of Response:**

He Knows My Name

Pastoral Prayer and The Statement of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Blessing and Distribution of the Ashes

L: Lord, bless the sinner who asks for your forgiveness and bless all those who receive these ashes. May they keep this Lenten Season in preparation for the joy of Easter.

P: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Imposition of the AshesLet us sing together during imposition of ashes: *Those wishing to receive ashes come forward and be signed with ashes and the words: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return".*

Holy, Holy, Holy (sing Twice)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

L: May our prayer be acceptable to God, our Rock and our Redeemer, accomplish in us O God, the work of your salvation that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord, bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection. Father in heaven, the greatness of Your love is beyond words to describe. By the power of Your Spirit, liberate us from all self centeredness, that we may be free to love others as Christ loves us....

P: Lord hear our prayer....

L: Lord God of Hosts: Make of us pilgrims throughout these forty days. Lead us through discipline to discipleship, through fasting to feasting, through privation to freedom. Free us from our own struggles, so that we may more fully serve one another....

P: Lord hear our prayer....

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