



## Ash Wednesday

### February 18, 2026

#### GATHERING MUSIC

Matthew Pechtl, organ

#### WELCOME

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

#### CALL TO LENT

Pastor Sarah & Rev. Dan Billings

Have mercy on us, O God,  
according to your steadfast love.

...Friends, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### HYMN 629

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

#### SCRIPTURE

*Deuteronomy 10:12-22*

#### READING

*On My Way*

Rev. Sarah Speed

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#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Speak to Me in Ashes*

Douglas Nolan

Sanctuary Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director;  
Drea Greenawalt, piano

**SCRIPTURE***Luke 15:11–24***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****MEDITATION***While We Were Still Far Off***SILENT REFLECTION****HYMN 722***Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*  
(vs. 1,2,4)**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 ASHES****SPECIAL MUSIC***What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. Quigley/Thompson

Second Avenue Strings; Rusty Bender, director

**PRAYER FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

**God of covenant and mercy, as we enter again into this Lenten season, set before us the path that lead to life. Shape us into a people who love justice, practice mercy, and walk humbly with you. Send your Holy Spirit to steady our steps, that through repentance and discipline we may discover again the freedom of obedience and the joy of belonging to you. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

*Tonight's offering will support the Deacon's Emergency Relief Fund. We are in a season of great need, and our Deacons are answering the call to care for the least of these. The offering will be collected at the doors as you leave.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC***Thy Will Be Done*

Joyce Elaine Eilers

Choral Scholars &amp; Friends; Bryan Poyzer, piano

**SCRIPTURE**

*Galatians 5:13-15*

**❖ HYMN 836**

*Abide with Me*

**❖ BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Matthew Pechtl, organ

*Thank you to Tom Bigwood on livestream and soundboard, the Rev. Dan Billings, Parish Associate for leading in worship, and our Welcome Team: Colleen Ford-Dunker, Toby Christensen, and our youth for taking such good care of us this evening. A special thank you to our musicians: the Sanctuary Choir directed by Bryan Poyzer, the Second Avenue Strings directed by Rusty Bender, and the Choral Scholars & Friends directed by Bryan Poyzer.*

*Second Avenue Strings: Kathleen Thomas, violin I; Lauren Bontje, violin II; Erin Torpey, viola; and Matthew Pechtl, cello.*

*Choral Scholars: Zoelle Jacobson, soloist; Miranda Langford, Bella Richman, Kyle Tierney; and Friends: Micayla Brown and Mike Wavra.*