



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 & 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.