A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ash Wednesday Service February 17, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

- Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
- **People:** God's love endures forever.
- Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- **People:** God's love endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN	"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"	insert
	WORD	
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING		Psalm 51
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING		
SERMON		
INVITATION TO OBSERVE LENT		

LITANY OF PENITENCE

People:	Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and	
	to one another, and to the whole communion	
	of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have	
	sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and	
	deed, by what we have done, and by what we	
	have left undone.	
Leader:	We have not loved you with our whole heart, and	
	mind, and strength. We have not loved our	
	neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven	
	others as we have been forgiven.	
People:	Have mercy on us, O God.	
Leader:	We have not listened to your call to serve as	
	Christ served us. We have not been true to the	
	mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy	
	Spirit.	
People:	Have mercy on us, O God.	
Leader:	We confess to you, O God, all our past	
	unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and	
	impatience in our lives,	
People:	we confess to you, O God.	
Leader:	Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our	
D 1	exploitation of other people,	
People:	we confess to you, O God.	
Leader:	Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of	
D I	those more fortunate than ourselves,	
People:	we confess to you, O God.	
Leader:	Our intemperate love of worldly goods and	
	comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and	
Deemler	work,	
People: Leader:	we confess to you, O God.	
Leader:	Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,	
Dooplor	we confess to you, O God.	
People: Leader:	Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs	
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and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

- Leader: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
- People: accept our repentance, O God.
- Leader: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.
- People: Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

People are invited to receive the imposition of ashes. Please stay in your pew until ushers prompt you.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

During this time, you are invited to consider the Lenten discipline you will undergo and make it an offering to God. Lenten Bible study, morning and/or evening prayer each day, a service project, daily Bible readings, fasting, etc. The point is to make room for God to move in our lives.

SENDING HYMN

insert

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

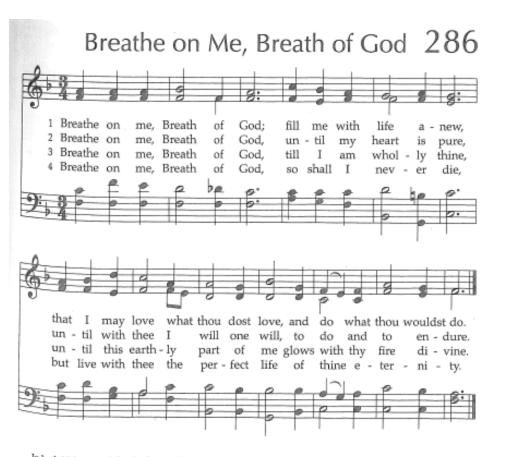
BLESSING THE DUST

*Those who are able, please stand

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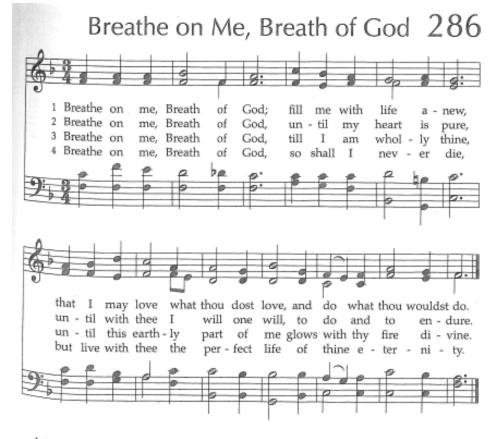
Ash, by artist Mike Moyers



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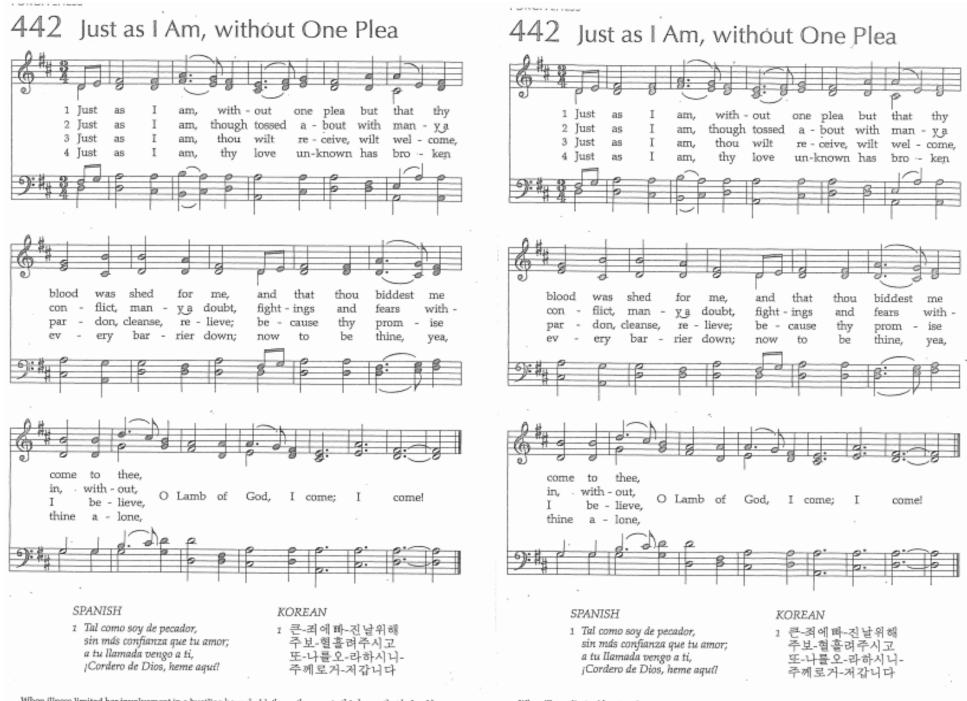
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