

Reading – Luke 10:25-37

Brief Reflection

Song – Abide With Me #577

Ashes

You are invited forward to receive the imposition of ashes.
This is an ancient Christian symbol of repentance.

The ashes can be placed on your forehead or on the back
of your hand accompanied by these words:

'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.'

Words Of Forgiveness and Hope

Listen to the words of Jesus to you:

'Don't be afraid for I love you.

You are forgiven. Go and sin no more.' Amen.

Song – Great Is Thy Faithfulness #17

A Closing Blessing

Bless us, O God,
as we walk into the desert:

remind us that you
are always near.

Bless us, God,
as we journey to-
ward Easter:

give us companions
on the way,
both strangers and
friends.

Helps us to
acknowledge our
need
and reach out to
you.

Help us to see with
the eyes

of compassion. Amen.



The Good Samaritan, 1890 by Vincent Van Gogh

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Hadassah Church, Accompanist

Opening Responses

Leader: In your loving kindness,

All: have mercy on us God.

Leader: You want us to be honest,

All: have mercy on us God.

Leader: You invite us to tell the truth,

All: have mercy on us God.

Leader: You want to wash us clean,

All: have mercy on us God.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God. Amen.

Extinguishing of Lent Candles & Reading

Song – How Great Thou Art #16

Prayer Of Approach

God of grace and truth,
at the beginning of Lent
we come to you.

You know who we are.

You know what we are like.

You know what is important to us.

You know where we hurt.

We come to you seeking forgiveness.

We come to you seeking strength for our journey.

We come to you seeking love.

God of love and hope and life
meet us here.

Reading – Psalm 51:1-13

A Short Silence

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Loving God,

beside us on every journey.

We come this day to praise you

as a people we seek to love you with all our heart,
with all our mind, with all our soul.

Merciful Christ,

we come this day to say sorry

for those times when we have chosen
not to love our neighbor
as we love ourselves.

We come to say sorry

for the times when we have walked
by on the other side.

We come to ask your forgiveness

for the times when we have chosen
to assume rather than assist;
to condemn rather than care.

Gracious Spirit,

as we gather for worship this night
may we be challenged
to be better neighbors,
to show our faith in action
and to show our love to all. Amen.