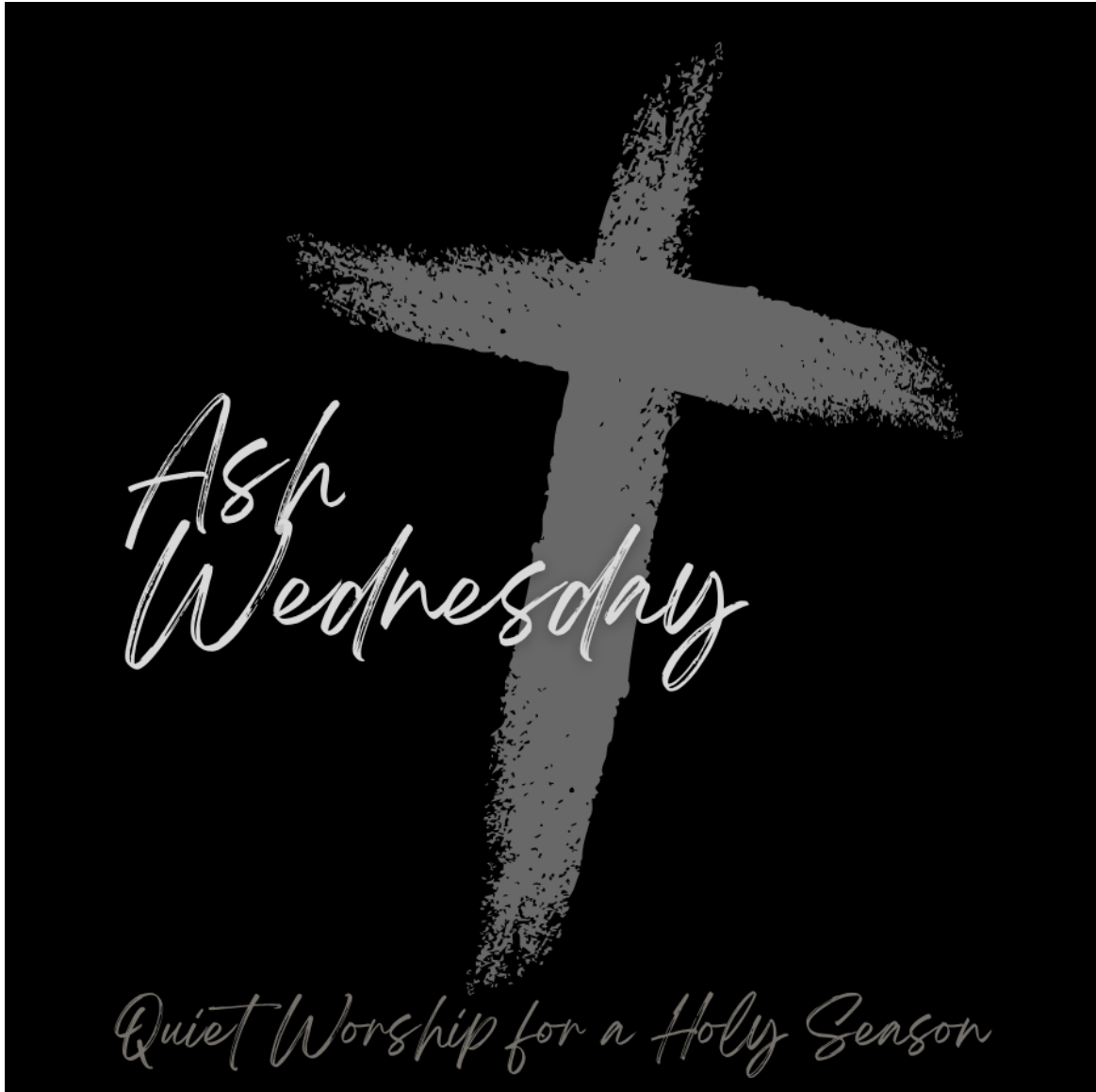


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PRELUDE *What Wondrous Love Is This* Joel Raney  
(b. 1956)

INTROIT *Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes*

WELCOME Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup> Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Here, at the outer limits of Lent, we are called to walk: to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul;

**to the workplaces which weary us; to the people who confuse us; to the faith which threatens us.**

Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness, we are called to wait: when our clenched stomachs awaken us;

**in the moments of unbearable sorrow; with the angels who would carry us.**

Here, where time is fulfilled, where God's Kingdom is as near to us as our neighbor, we begin Lent:

**with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears, with the God who will not let go of our hands.**

\*HYMN 166 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:1-12

ANTHEM *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Gilbert Martin  
(b. 1941)

*When I survey the wondrous Cross, on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his Blood.*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!*

PRAYER<sup>2</sup> Marked by Ashes Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

LORD'S PRAYER *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Malotte  
(1895—1964)

***Our father which 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.***

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21 Dr. Casto-Waters

\*HYMN (Insert) *I Surrender All* SURRENDER

## LITANY OF PENITENCE & GRACE

***Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)***

Choir

***Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)***

Congregation

O God, from whose eyes the measure of our faith is not hidden, break us free from our false piety, all religiosity, all rules and regularities of our scheduled selves that separate us from your Holy Spirit.

***Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)***

O God, who calls each of us by name to be the church, give us love enough to make a difference, give us vision enough to imagine new ways to embrace this hurting world, give us endurance enough to hold steadfast in the face of the unholy.

***Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)***

O God, who claims us as disciples, bless us now and touch us, sanctify us with your holiness that we might have commitment enough to be bearers of truth and hope in the face of all that works to undo the good you have given us

***Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)***

O God of the bruised, we pray for healing. Comfort those who cry in dark corners: the lonely, the strangers, the weary, the fearful, the disappointed, anxious, depressed, forsaken, the dispirited, the grieving, and those whose lives are governed by sickness and pain.

***Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)***

O God who wept over Jerusalem, open our eyes to those around us who scream in silence from the depth of their despair.

***Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)***

O God of compassion, break open our hard hearts that tenderness may sink in.

***Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)***

O God of peace, help us to find better ways, to forge new friendships, to hold what is right and just in our hearts and to encourage our nation and our world to do likewise.

***Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)***

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*We invite you to come forward to one of the stations to receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead or hand, as you prefer, and then depart in silence.*

\*All who are able please stand

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<sup>2</sup> Walter Brueggemann



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# Symbols of Lent

## Ash Wednesday - Ashes



Like each symbol that we will introduce over the season of Lent, ashes are a physical “thing” representative of an idea or theological concept. As George Doyle describes it, “we find that physical objects and human actions, in our experience with them through our senses, can directly convey the grace of God, in their materiality. The meaning of the sacrament is not something arbitrarily imposed on the object from outside, but comes from within, as God makes use of the “thingness” of those objects to convey the grace of the sacrament.”

Ashes serve to remind us that from dust we have come and to dust we shall return, our mortality, as well as our connection to creation. Ashes remind us of the suffering of Christ and the waving palms that turned to cries for crucifixion. The ashes you will receive on your forehead or hands bear witness to the grace of Christ. The painting of the ash cross is also made with ashes mixed into the paint from palms burned from previous years here at Reid Memorial.