



# The Memorial Baptist Church

## Ash Wednesday

March 6, 2019 - 6:30pm - The Sanctuary

### GATHER IN SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Teach us to number our days that we may gain a wise heart. Amen. - from Psalm 90:1-2, 12*

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

***John 3:17, Psalm 46:1-3***

Rev. Abbi Mullens

*Let us worship God.*

*God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

**God's love endures forever.**

*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 mountains tremble with tumult.*

**God's love endures for ever.**

† HYMN 308

***There Is a Redeemer***

GREEN

INVOCATION

Dr. Brad Smith

THE FIRST READING

***Joel 2:12-17***

Dr. Smith

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

***Psalm 51***

Rev. Mullens

HYMN 586

***Grace that Is Greater than All Our Sin***

MOODY

*Sing only Stanza 1 and Refrain*

THE THIRD READING

***Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21***

Dr. Brad Smith

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Dr. Andy Roby

HYMN 364

***I Love Thee***

I LOVE THEE

*Sing only Stanzas 1 and 3*

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Rev. Mullens

*Let us pray together:*

**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.**

*We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

*We have not forgiven others as we ourselves have been forgiven.*

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

*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.*

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

(Continued on back)

*We confess to you, O God, all our unfaithfulness: the pride, the hypocrisy, and the impatience in our lives,*

**we confess to you, O God.**

*Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,*

**we confess to you, O God.**

*Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us,*

**we confess to you, O God.**

*Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of need and suffering,  
for our indifference to injustice and cruelty,*

**accept our repentance, O God.**

*For false judgments, for unloving thoughts toward our neighbors, for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,*

**accept our repentance, O God.**

*Forgive us, O God, and restore us.*

**Hear us in your great mercy, O God. Amen.**

ANTHEM OF DEDICATION

***Give Me Jesus***

Chancel Choir

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Jay Rouse

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

When I am alone, oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus. You have all this world, give me Jesus.

When I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

INVITATION TO THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Dr. Smith

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Mr. Sandro Silva, Organ

Mrs. Fran Wilson, Piano

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dr. Smith

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE 604

***I Then Shall Live***

FINLANDIA

LENTEN BENEDICTION

Dr. Smith

POSTLUDE

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

Mr. Silva

arr. Don Phillips

~ Depart with Thankful Hearts to Love and Serve God ~

† All who are able, please stand.

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Brad Smith, Senior Pastor

Dr. Andy Roby, Associate Pastor—Music and Worship Arts

Rev. Abbi Mullens, Associate Pastor—Families, Formation, and Community Engagement

Mr. Sandro Silva, Organist

Mrs. Fran Wilson, Pianist