



The Memorial Baptist Church

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020 - 6:30 pm - 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 377

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 576

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

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

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.

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.

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*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.

*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.*

*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.

† HYMN OF MEDITATION 168	<i>I Take the Cross of Jesus Christ</i>	KINGSFOLD
INVITATION TO THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES		Dr. Smith
MUSIC FOR MEDITATION DURING THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES		Mr. Sandro Silva, Organ Mrs. Fran Wilson, Piano
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		Dr. Smith
† HYMN OF ASSURANCE 583	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	ALL TO CHRIST
† LENTEN BENEDICTION		Dr. Smith
POSTLUDE	<i>Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness</i> arr. Rick Parks	Mr. Silva

~ 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