



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
MARCH 5, 2025 7:00 PM

Gathering Music
Welcome

Call to Worship

One: If you have days when you feel a little bit lost and a little bit found,

All: then you are in the right place.

One: If you have days when you are desperate for rest and eager to grow,

All: then you are in the right place.

One: If you have days when your prayers could be both shouts and silence,

All: then you are in the right place.

One: God meets us here, in the messy middle of our lives.

All: So may we bring our full selves into this service and into this season.

One: With God's help, may it be so.

All: Let us worship our all-loving God.

*Opening Hymn #2138

"Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes"

**Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes as another Lent begins;
Thus we kneel before our Maker in contrition for our sins.
We have marred baptismal pledges, in rebellion gone astray;
Now returning, seek forgiveness; grant us pardon, God, this day!**

**We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive,
Have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live,
We are jealous, proud, impatient, loving over much our things;
May the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.**

**We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need;
And our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed;
We have wasted earth's resources; want and suffering we've ignored;
Come and cleanse us, then restore us; make new hearts within us, Lord.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us pray: Jesus said, "Follow me."

All: And I said, let me get ready.

**Please stand as you are able*

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One: Jesus said, "follow me."

All: And I said, just one minute!

One: Jesus said, "Follow me."

All: And I said, I'll be there soon!

One: The invitation is simple, but the work is hard.

All: Jesus, forgive my delay. I want to follow you. Turn my intentions into actions. Show me the way. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

One: Lent asks,

All: "How will you go deeper? How will you follow Christ?"

One: Regardless of what that journey looks like for us,

All: regardless of what today, tomorrow, or the next day brings,

One: we are not alone.

All: We are seen and loved by God.

One: We are held in grace.

All: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 9:51-62

Ash Wednesday Reflection

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who said to ordinary people, "Follow me,"
and with his love, changed the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who tethers us to all of creation,
nudging us toward deeper and more intentional faith.**

**And we believe in the Creator
who brings the sun over the horizon each morning,
allowing every day to be a new beginning.**

**So with this new day,
with Jesus' invitation ringing in our ears,
and the Holy Spirit's tethering love,
we realign our hopes with our words,
our dreams with our prayers,
our intentions with our actions.**

Jesus, we believe.

Guide our feet.

Amen.

*Closing Hymn #2208

“Guide My Feet”

**1. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.**

2. Hold my hand...

3. Stand by me...

4. Search my heart...

5. Guide my feet...

*Sending Forth



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Participating in this evening's service

Rev. Lori Leopold and Rev. Bob Rhodes

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