

Colington United Methodist Church

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March 5, 2025

7:00pm

Ash Wednesday

GREETING

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

Give Me Jesus

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

Grace Greater than Our Sin | UMH 365

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

ANTHEM

Purify My Heart with Into My Heart

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

SERMON

“Remember That You Are Dust” | Rev. Jack Colenda

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

To Be Like Jesus

To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus
To be the one I was created to be
To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus
May all who see my heart find Him in me

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

Lord, you do not wish sinners to die but to turn to you and live. In your goodness hear our prayer: bless + these ashes, which we place on our heads to remind us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. Grant that by our faithful observance of Lent we may gain pardon for our sins and newness of life in the image of your risen Son. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Most holy and merciful Father:

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, and mind,
and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been
forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf 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, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

I Stand Amazed in the Presence | UMH 371

BENEDICTION