

**\*Hymn #586**

**“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

**Wesley’s Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing, put me to suffering;

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

exalted for you, or brought low for you;

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours. So be it.

And the covenant now made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

**\*Hymn #221**

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

**\*Benediction**

Go forth in the grace of Christ,

who calls you to repentance and renewal.

May the mercy of the Father,

the cleansing power of the Son,

and the refining fire of the Holy Spirit

lead you through this season of Lent

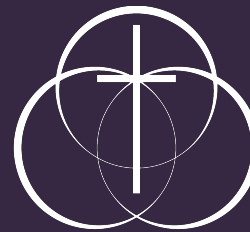
into deeper faith and holiness. Amen.

**March 5, 2025**



# Poured Out

A LENT SERIES



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March 5, 2025  
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Ash Wednesday

## Gathering

### \*Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

### \*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, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### Hymn #223

**"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**

### The Confession

**Wesley's Covenant Service**

Father God, you have set forth the way of life through your Son Jesus Christ, whom you love dearly. We confess that we have been slow to learn of him and have been reluctant to follow him. You have spoken and called to us but we have not listened. You have revealed your beauty to us, but we have been blind. You have stretched out your hands to us through our others, yet we have turned away. We have received your gifts with little thanks and have failed to love you as you deserve. Let us confess our sins together.

### Forgive us, Lord.

- **For the poverty of our worship and the selfishness of our prayers.**
- **For our inconsistency and lack of faith.**
- **For neglecting fellowship and your grace.**
- **For hesitating to share Christ with others.**
- **For our deception, judgement, and quick criticism.**

**Forgive us for wasting time, for failing to cherish your blessings, and for making excuses for our sins. We have too often chosen ease over obedience, comfort over calling, and self over service. We have not always sought peace, nor have we always worked for reconciliation. We have nursed grievances instead of showing mercy. We have hardened our hearts rather than surrounding to your love.**

Lord, in your mercy, forgive what we have been, shape what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

*A moment of silent confession is observed.*

## Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

**1 John 1:9**

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness."

**Thanks be to God.**

## Scripture Reading

**Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21**

### Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, from the earliest days, Christians have observed with deep devotion the seasons of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for Easter with a season of forty days set apart for repentance, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

In these days, those new to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism, and those who had fallen away were restored through confession and reconciliation. In this way, the whole Church was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and of our continual need for renewal.

Therefore, I invite you, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent:

- by self-examination and repentance,
- by prayer, fasting, and self-denial,
- and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

Let us now come before our Creator and Redeemer with hearts open to his grace, that we may turn from sin and embrace the gospel anew

## Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### \*Imposition of Ashes

*The congregation is invited forward. The pastor will mark each person's forehead with a cross of ashes. While the ashes are imposed, the congregation will sing "Take My Life and Let It Be."*