

**If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.  
Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and examine my thoughts.  
See if there is any way of wickedness in me  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES and BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

(Those who desire to receive ashes are invited to come forward to be marked either on the forehead or hand, then proceed to receive a baptismal stone. Those who do not desire to receive ashes may remain seated in silent prayer.)

*Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*

*Remember your baptism,  
and rejoice in God's salvation.*

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*) (*debts/debtors*)

**God our Creator,  
you have formed us out of the dust of the earth.  
Open the heavens and pour out your Spirit  
on your people as we pray.  
May these ashes be a sign to us  
of our mortality and penitence,  
so that we may remember  
that only by your gracious gift  
are we given everlasting life.  
Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing  
and fill us with zeal for you O God.  
Let us hear your voice once again  
that we may recognize your beloved Son  
who is our hope for eternal life.  
We pray in his name, and as he taught us,  
"Our Father who art in heaven..."**

\* HYMN# 543 – "Abide with Me"

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE      *Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes*      Held



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