

18 February 2026

Ash Wednesday

11h00

Announcements

Prelude

Welcome *Pjila'si - Welcome - Bienvenue*

Acknowledgment of Place

Gathering Hymn *Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face (VU # 105)*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call To Worship **Lord Have Mercy (Robert LeBel)**

All: **Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

One: For the times we failed to love; Lord have mercy

All: **Lord have mercy.**

All: **Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

One: For the times we failed to trust; Christ have mercy

All: **Christ have mercy.**

All: **Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

One: For the times we failed to hope; Lord have mercy

All: **Lord have mercy.**

Proclamation of God's Forgiveness

God, who has created you in love, has called you from your hurts into the fullness of life, into the fullness of your best self, into the fullness of God's dream for you.

Know that God forgives what ever hurts you have named, and loves you forward into wholeness and healing. AMEN!

Assurance How Deep The Peace (MV # 95) sung three times

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us

Lighting of Affirming Candle & Peace Candle

Sign of Peace

Centering Music *Don't Be Afraid* (MV # 90) English & French

N'a-yez pas peur, mon a-mour est plus fort, il est plus fort que votre peur. N'a-yez pas peur, mon a-mour est plus fort;
Je vous ai pro-mis, pro-mis d'ê-tre tou-jours là.

Scripture Joel 2:1-2,12-17

Seasonal **Psalm** Refrain: *Grant To Us O Lord* – Lucien Diess

Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed.

Recreate in us your own spirit, Lord.

Verses **Psalm 51** (Voices United p.776 - 777)

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Reflection

Signing with Ashes

Hymn

In You There Is a Refuge (MV # 84)

The Community at Prayer

We pray for the Christian Community who begins the Lenten journey today... for faithful reflection, good works, random actions of kindness and an embracing of our belovedness...

One: Our Hope is in You O God,

All: For You have done great things for us!

We pray for the Muslim communities around the world as they observe Ramadan... for a deepening of understanding between our faith expressions as pathways to the Holy...

One: Our Hope is in You O God,

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We pray for the situation of on-going tensions between Canada and the United States... for a peaceful resolution to this challenging situation and a positive pathway forward as good and respecting neighbours...

One: Our Hope is in You O God,

All: For You have done great things for us!

We pray for the people of Ukraine... for the leaders in Europe who seek a solution to creating the right conditions for peace... for all those working towards a peaceful solution for the people of Palestine and Israel... for us as peacemakers...

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We pray for the concerns which rest in the silence of our hearts...

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Sending and Benediction

Go from this place as a people who stand forgiven in God's immeasurable love!

Go from this place knowing that you are created from the dust of stars and are called to shine.

Go from this place answering the call to reflection and renewal, to acts of kindness that change the world.

And be Blessed by a God of eternal second chances.

Be blessed by the Christ who teaches us the meaning of forgiveness.

And be blessed by Spirit who empowers us to live our best selves and be a Blessing to those around us. Amen? **Amen!**

Postlude