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WELCOME and GATHERING

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN** *And Can It Be that I Should Gain (v 1,4,5)* UMH 363

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, people of God - enter this holy season with honesty and hope. For the God who formed us from dust welcomes us with mercy stronger than our sin.

Congregation: We come, seeking the One who knows our brokenness and still calls us beloved!

Leader: This is the day we turn again toward God's grace. The day we remember what is fleeting and cling to what is eternal.

Congregation: We come with trembling hearts and open hands. Renew us, O God. Restore us. Lead us in your way!

All: Let us worship the God who has created us out of dust and gives us life everlasting! Amen!

UNISON PRAYER

Merciful God, we come before you on this Ash Wednesday confessing our need for your grace. We have turned from your ways, we have clung too tightly to what does not give life, and we have ignored the cries of those you love. Forgive us for the pride that blinds, the habits that bind, and the fears that silence compassion. As we receive these ashes, remind us of our frailty, but even more - remind us of your relentless mercy. Create in us clean hearts. Renew a right spirit within us. Lead us from death into life, from wandering into purpose, from ashes into the hope of resurrection. In Christ's name we pray. Amen!

HYMN OF GRACE	*Grace Greater than Our Sin*	UMH 365
***SCRIPTURE**	Jonah 3:6-9	Rev. Felicia Kumar
MESSAGE	A Time for Reflection and a Call to Repentance	Rev. Felicia Kumar
INVITATION TO THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE		Rev. Felicia Kumar
SONG OF RESPONSE	*What Wondrous Love Is This*	Rick Sims, Soloist

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES Rev. Felicia Kumar

Almighty God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us the breath of life. We thank you for these ashes - a simple, solemn reminder of both our fragility and our need for you. Bless these ashes, that they may be for us a sign of repentance, a mark of our desire to walk in your ways, and a symbol of the hope that even in death you are making all things new. As we bear this sign upon our foreheads, may we also bear your love in our lives: love that heals, love that restores, love that leads us to the cross and beyond to resurrection! Through Jesus Christ, whose mercy never fails. Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Felicia Kumar

Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your ways. We have chased what cannot satisfy and ignored the needs of others. Pride, habit, and fear have kept us from your love. Forgive us. Mend our cracked hearts, renew our weary spirits, and redirect our straying lives. As we receive these ashes, remind us that though we are dust, we are also deeply loved. Shape us again by your grace and lead us in the way of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: God does not despise a broken and contrite heart. When we confess our sins, God meets us with mercy, restores us with compassion, and renews us with steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

IMPOSITION OF ASHES Rev. Felicia Kumar

CLOSING PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* UMH 349

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Felicia Kumar

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able

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Possible Disciplines During Lent

- GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.
- GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer.
- GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead, concentrate on their BEST points for a change. We all have faults. It will be easier for people to overlook OUR shortcomings when we overlook THEIRS first.
- GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Check that sharp tongue at the door.
- GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."
- GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about...like tomorrow! Live for today and let God's grace be sufficient.
- GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit someone who is lonely or sick. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Give someone a precious gift, your time!
- GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on luxuries could help someone meet their basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's bounty, not consumers.

May we all observe a very blessed and holy Lent!

God says: *"Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing."* ~Joel 2:12-13

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Please join us
for our Sunday Service

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship Service