



# Ash Wednesday

The first day of the Lenten season reminds us of two things, as seen in this simple wooden cross. Suggested first is the ruggedness and earthiness of our sinfulness, our need for salvation, and the suffering and death of Christ on our behalf. Second, the ash from last year's palms, symbolized by the mark on this cross, reminds us not only of death but of the victory and joy of new life found in Christ. Penitence and mourning arise to hope, peace, and rest.

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## Covenant CRC Ash Wednesday Worship February 14, 2018, 6:30 PM

\* Please stand if you are able

### *Called and Gathered*

*As you find your seat this evening, please join to sing as our prelude to the service.*

Prelude	“God, Be Merciful to Me”	LUYH 623
	“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”	LUYH 627

Welcome

*Gathering Song	“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”	LUYH 527
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\*God Greet Us

## *Reconciliation and Renewal*

### Introduction and Invitation to Lent

Song	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	LUYH 747:1
The Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 58:1-12	p.1152
Song	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	LUYH 747:2
The Gospel Reading	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	p.1503
Song	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	LUYH 747:3
Prayer		
Imposition of Ashes	“Beautiful Things” “Jesus, Remember Me”	LUYH 169
The Psalm	Psalm 51:1-17	p.889
Litany of Penitence		
Assurance of Pardon	II Corinthians 5:20b-6:2	p.1799
*Song	“What the Lord Has Done in Me”	LUYH 800
*Benediction	Psalm 90:13-17	p.930

*Please pass the peace of Christ as you leave...*