



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 18, 2026 - ASH WEDNESDAY

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy hill.
Let all who live in the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord is coming.

People: Let us return to the Lord!

One: “Even now,” declares the Lord,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

People: Let us return to the Lord!

One: Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.

People: Let us return to the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Come Thou Fount”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalms 51:1-17

Liz: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

People: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Jason: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Mofid: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

People: so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Liz: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**People: Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**

Jason: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

**People: Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**

Mofid: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

From Joel 2

**People: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Liz: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

Jason: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.

People: Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,

Mofid: you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

People: Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Liz: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

**People: My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

“His Mercy is More”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God,
your Word is our way of truth and life.
Create in us hearts that are clean
and put your Holy Spirit within us,
so that we may receive your grace
and declare your praise forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (Pew Bible pg. 893-894)

MESSAGE

*SONG OF PREPARATION

“O Come to the Altar”

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

“Because of Jesus”

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*CLOSING SONG

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE