

CHOIR ANTHEM           **“What Wondrous Love”**  
Melody: Hans Leo Lassler (1601) Harmony: J. S. Bach (1729)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP  
*All are invited to come forward, take bread, dip it in the cup and then eat*

CLOSING PRAYER *unison*  
**Almighty and Everlasting God, thank you for welcoming us to your table and renewing our spirits in yours. Strengthen our faith. Increase our love for one another. Send us forth in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Christ our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*MUSICAL RESPONSE           **“Go With Us, Lord”** (1561)           Thomas Tallis  
*Hymn No. 336*

\*POSTLUDE                           **“Adagio in G Minor”**  
Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671-1751)



Welcome to the OCC. Thank you for joining us in worship on Ash Wednesday. May the Spirit lead you in Lent, from Winter to Spring, with all the gifts of the faith to guide and nurture you as we await Easter Sunday!

Daily Devotions composed by Pastor Ken for your prayerful meditations through Lent are available online at our OCC Website and paper copies are available on the information desk in the office hallway.

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The Original Congregational Church  
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**Ash Wednesday**

*Every time you listen with great attentiveness to the voice that calls you the Beloved, you will discover within yourself a desire to hear that voice longer and more deeply.*  
—Henri J. M. Nouwen

*Order of Worship*

PRELUDE                           **“When Jesus Wept”** (1770)           William Billings

GREETING  
Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

\*HYMN No. 202                   ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING PRAYER *from Psalm 51 “Have Mercy On Me, O God”*

THE PROPHETS Joel 2:12-17 “Return to the Lord with All Your Heart”

MEDITATION “Return, Relent, Restore”

INVITATION TO LENT

CHOIR ANTHEM                   **“Behold the Lamb of God”**           Natalie Sleeth

*\* All those who are able please stand*

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Ashes may be placed on the back of your hand or on the forehead*

## LITANY OF PENITENCE *adapted from the Book of Worship*

Leader Let us pray.

**People Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone**

Leader We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength.

**People We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**People Have mercy on us, O God.**

Leader We have not served you as Christ served us.

**People Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

Leader We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**People Have mercy on us, O God.**

Leader Our unfaithfulness, pride and impatience,

**People We confess to you, O Lord.**

Leader Our indulgence, appetites and exploitation,

**People We confess to you, O God.**

Leader Our anger, frustration and envy of others,

**People We confess to you, O Lord.**

Leader Our love of worldly goods and comforts,

**People We confess to you, O God.**

Leader Our dishonesty in private and public life,

**People We confess to you, O Lord.**

Leader Our negligence in prayer and worship,

**People We confess to you, O God.**

Leader Our failure to commend your faith in us,

**People We confess to you, O Lord.**

Leader For the wrongs we have done,

**People Accept our repentance, O God.**

Leader For our neglect of human need and suffering,

**People Accept our repentance, O Lord.**

Leader For our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**People Accept our repentance, O God.**

Leader For uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,

**People Accept our repentance, O Lord.**

Leader For our waste and pollution of your creation,

**People Accept our repentance, O Lord.**

Leader Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**People Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN No. 281

*Spirit of the Living God*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All are welcome to receive. We use juice, not wine.*

## COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## SANCTUS *unison*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!**

## BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *as written or in your own way by the Spirit*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**