



**Worship Service for March 5, 2025  
Ash Wednesday**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Pam Conyne
<b>Welcome</b>	Jan Lundy
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Jan Lundy
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Pam Conyne

LEADER: Today we affirm our commitment to walk together on our Lenten Journey.

**ALL: Today we remember that God made us from the earth's dust and breathed into us the breath of life. The ashes we receive are a witness to the handiwork of God and the miracle of life.**

LEADER: Today we affirm that our lives are sacred for we have been made "in the image and likeness of God."

**ALL: In this Lenten Season, we pray for the Holy Spirit's protection and guidance to go where Jesus leads us, as we journey on this holy path.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #448 "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" vs. 1-3

Take my life, God, let it be  
consecrated faithfully.

Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in cease-less praise.

Take my spirit, let it move  
at the impulse of your love.

Take my intellect and use  
all its powers as you choose.

Take my will; your will be done!  
Make your will and mine be one.  
Take my heart, and by your grace  
make of it your dwelling place.

**1st Biblical Witness**

Pam Conyne

Psalm 51:6-12

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

## **2nd Biblical Witness**

Jan Lundy

Mark 1:12 & 13

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.  
He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan;  
and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on  
him.

## **Reflection**

Jan Lundy

“From Wilderness to Stardust”

## **Special Music**

Video

“Ashes to Ashes”

## **Blessing & Receiving of the Ashes**

Jan Lundy

**\*Hymn****Congregation****“Here I Am, Lord”**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

**Unison Prayer**

Congregation

**ALL: God, we turn to you now.**

**Be merciful to us.**

**At times, we feel we must come against others to defend ourselves.**

**We take refuge in you, instead.**

**At times, we feel we must silence others.**

**We choose to be still, instead.**

**At times, we feel we must rebut every argument.**

**We look to you for what is right, instead.**

**At times, we feel we must make ourselves appear powerful.**

**We remember that your power is made perfect in weakness.**

**Help us to not point fingers or launch accusations.**

**Help us to quietly and peaceably stand up for what is**

**good. Help us to take care of our own hearts before criticizing others.**

**Help us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.**

**Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering** Pam Conyne  
Plymouth's General Fund

**Offertory Music** Marshall Davies

**\*Doxology** Marshall Davies

**Offertory Prayer** Pam Conyne

LEADER: God of the journey, we give these offerings in gratitude,

**ALL: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in faith,

**ALL: trusting that you will provide for our needs.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in hope,

**ALL: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.**

LEADER: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

**ALL: may we live with generous hearts and with open hands.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Marshall Davies

TNCH #212 "O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns"

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising,  
in every heart for your love and care;  
Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising  
that your blessed Spirit rouses everywhere.

Grant us new courage, never proud, but humble,  
strong in your strength to venture and to dare;  
To lift the fallen, guide the ones who stumble,  
seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

**Benediction**

Jan Lundy

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

## **Tonight's Worship Participants**

Service Lead by: Jan Lundy

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