

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God) now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH #620

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

Thanksgiving over the Ashes  
Imposition of Ashes

†**CLOSING HYMN**

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

UMC #269

†**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Ode

*All may depart in quietness*

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**Cheerfully Serving the Lord in Worship this Afternoon...**

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† Congregation rises in body or spirit

**Congregational response in bold**

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dan Mabey

L: Children of God, we gather to prepare for our journey through Lent, a journey of repentance and mercy.

**P: We gather to be renewed in God's mercy.**

L: We gather to confess, to tell the truth about sin and our dependence on God's grace.

**P: We gather to call upon God's mercy.**

L: We gather to repent, to receive and cooperate with grace as we turn from sin and toward love of God and neighbor.

**P: We gather to live in the promise of God's mercy.**

L: People of God, we gather to worship God, whose steadfast mercy and love never fail!

**P: We gather to worship, trusting in God's mercy as we follow Jesus on the road to new life.**

†**OPENING HYMN**

"Take Time to Be Holy"

UMH #395

†**OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Dan Mabey

**O God, Who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life; take our hearts, every hardened edge and measured beat, and create something new in us.**

**We need Your newness, God, the rough parts of us made smooth; the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed; the unkind, forgiven. And then, by the power of Your Spirit, we need to be turned toward Love again. Amen.**

†**HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymn #369

**PSALTER RESPONSIVE READING**

Dan Mabey

Psalm 51:1-17

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

**P: according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.**

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

L: Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your sentence and blameless in Your judgment.

**P: Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

L: Behold, You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;**

L: Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which You have broken rejoice.

**P: Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**P: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

L: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**P: Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.**

L: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance.

**P: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

L: For You have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, You would not be pleased.

**P: The sacrifice acceptable to God is broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Ode

"When Brokenness Meets Grace"

**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III  
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up you hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

And so,

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**