

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 14, 2024

7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Isaiah 58:3-8

Leader: Why do we fast, but the LORD does not see?

People: Why humble ourselves, but our God does not notice?

Leader: But, this is the fast that is chosen of the LORD; to loose the bonds of injustice,

People: To undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every bond.

Leader: Is it not to share our bread with the hungry,

People: And to bring the homeless poor into our homes?

Leader: Then we shall call, and the LORD will answer;

People: We shall cry for help, and our God will say, "Here I am!"

HYMN #195

Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord

PTOMEY

verses 1 and 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God: we humbly entreat You. Have mercy upon us for our hardness of heart, for our lack of righteousness, and for our impenitent lives. We humbly entreat You, O God. We have known Your Son and have not loved Him; Lord, have mercy. We have believed Your gospel and have not obeyed; Lord, have mercy. We have acknowledged Your Spirit and have not followed; Lord, have mercy. We humbly entreat You, O God. Have mercy upon us, by the grace of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

HOMILY

HYMN #85

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ashes

DUST AND ASHES

Beth Underwood, mezzo-soprano

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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