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**WELCOME** REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

**PRELUDE** ROBIN L. MCEACHERN

**\*GREETING**

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

**People: and our mouths will declare Your praise.**

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

**People: a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

Leader: Let us worship our God.

**\*HYMN 92** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 51: 1-13 REV. DR. RICHARD B. ANDERSON

Matthew 11: 27-29 TRICIA YOUNG

**MEDITATION** TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS

**PRAYER** (*unison*)

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth.  
May these ashes remind us of our mortality and penitence  
and teach us again that only by your gracious gift are we given  
everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS** TRICIA YOUNG

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Cornerstone" WORSHIP TEAM  
– Reuben Morgan

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, calls us to heartfelt repentance, and urges us to place our hope in God alone.*

**\*INVITATION:**

I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ,  
to observe a holy Lent  
by self-examination and penitence,  
by prayer and fasting,  
by works of love,  
and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES, REFLECTIONS AND SELF-EXAMINATION**

**PRAYER** REV. DR. RICHARD ANDERSON

Leader: God of love, as in Jesus Christ You gave Yourself to us, so  
may we give ourselves to You, living according to Your  
holy will.

**People: Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us;  
make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches  
us; fill us with the life that is Christ within us.**

Leader: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever,

**People: Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE SONG** "Death Was Arrested" WORSHIP TEAM  
– Brandon Coker and Paul Taylor Smith

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (John 3: 16) TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS

**\*BENEDICTION**

May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may  
your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is  
faithful and He will do this.

*Please depart the Sanctuary in silence.*

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WORSHIP TEAM: Nicholas B. Merchant, Mona Petersen, Ronnie Young