



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 12:00 PM
Ash Wednesday Service



Video Prelude "Change My Heart, Oh God" by First B. Lethbridge On Screen

Welcome and Greeting Rev. Susan Lindblade

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

*Hymn "Just as I Am" CH 488

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Lord, we confess our sins before you. We confess that we have fallen short of your glory and your intent for our lives. Open our eyes that we may see ourselves with clarity and truthfulness. May we have eyes to see all that is within us that is not pleasing to you.

People: Sing chorus of "I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Pastor: Lord, we confess to you that we have not loved you as we ought. We have disregarded those you have called on us to serve. We have chosen the selfish way when you have called us to selflessness.

People: Sing chorus of "I Need Thee Every Hour"

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

Pastor: Lord, we confess we have not taken care of our souls. We have been too busy to pray. We have been too quick to speak and too slow to listen to your voice. We have filled our lives with all kinds of noise instead of patiently waiting like sheep for our Shepherd's voice.

People: Sing chorus of "I Need Thee Every Hour"

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Pastor: Lord, we confess our need for you. We need your grace. We need your patience. We need your guidance. We cannot worship you as we ought. As we begin this season of Lent, the solemn journey toward the Cross, we call upon your mercy and your love for our salvation.

People: Sing chorus of "I Need Thee Every Hour"

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Video "Take These Ashes" by Sarah Hart On Screen

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Meditation

Imposition of Ashes

Music Video "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" by Alan Jackson On Screen

Closing Prayer (In Unison)

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life and the gift of all those we love. We leave with this sign of ashes upon us, reminding us of our humanity and the many ways we miss the mark daily. May it remind us of the need for your forgiveness and consistent love, which cleanses us and makes us new again.

Pour out your Spirit upon us as we begin this Lenten season. Let us be called to this quiet space where we can better hear you speak and dedicate ourselves once again to walk in the light of your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

CH 591

*Benediction

*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

