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February 18, 2026 — 6:00 pm — Ash Wednesday
Worship Participants

<p>The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, <i>Pastor</i> James Cochran, <i>Director of Music</i>, playing the Richard & Patricia Fors Organ given to the glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, Organist.</p>	<p>Julie Carver, <i>Pianist</i> The Chancel Choir Victoria Bonavita, <i>Audio/Visual Technician</i> Ushers: Ben Hood and Pat Rose</p>
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Prelude: Meditation on “Wondrous Love” John Barr (b. 1938)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn #84: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” RATHBUN

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| <p>1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
 Towering o’er the wrecks of time;
 All the light of sacred story
 Gathers round its head sublime.</p> <p>2. When the woes of life o’ertake me,
 Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
 Never shall the cross forsake me:
 Lo! it glows with peace and joy.</p> | <p>3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
 Light and love upon my way,
 From the cross the radiance streaming
 Adds more luster to the day.</p> <p>4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
 By the cross are sanctified;
 Peace is there that knows no measure,
 Joys that through all time abide.</p> |
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New Testament Reading: Matthew 6:16-21

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent
A Time for Self-Examination – Reading of Psalm 51:1-10

Psalm 51:1-10

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. ² Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. ⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb. ⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within. ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Anthem: "Ave Verum Corpus"

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Chancel Choir

Litany of Penitence:

Leader: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Response: Have mercy on us, O God.

Imposition of Ash

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow & Peter Rodino, Ruling Elder

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Hymn #85: "What Wondrous Love is This?"

WONDROUS LOVE

- 1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my
soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**
- 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,**

- While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**
- 3. And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

Blessing and Charge

Postlude: Prelude in G Minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)