



**TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Ash Wednesday - February 17, 2021

\* **♪ GATHERING SONG - "Only By Grace"**

Lorelle Banzett, Miriam Hoffmann

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Changer, a 21st Century Worship Resource*

Kathy Manifold

Cover me with ashes, the thick-smoke soot of the earth.  
Make my breathing like the journey from death into life — second by second, prayer by prayer.

**Cover me with darkness - reminding me of why we are here -  
sighing, longing to hear us into being,  
stretching us into the possibility of beauty and grace and authentic life.**

Cover me with mud - bring me to my lowest state, so that in my weaknesses  
I see your strength - the reflection of your eyes in the brokenness around me,  
the fullness of your love in the depths of our hearts.

**Cover me with mercy - its faithful presence a call to walk humbly  
beyond myself beyond my fears  
and ever on to the road that leads to your love.**

Cover me.  
**Cover me with ashes.**  
Change me.

**SCRIPTURE**        **Matthew 4:1-11**

Marie Strassburger

**DEVOTION**

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ.  
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

God of grace and mercy, who walks to the cross for us,  
**pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.**  
**Forgive us and make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God,  
your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

♪ **"We Adore You, Lord Jesus Christ"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

♪ **CLOSING SONG – "Grace Flows Down"**

*If you would like, we invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk \**

Thank you for joining us online as we worship from our homes. We have chosen to worship online so that when we are able to come back together and worship in person, no one will be missing. Although our church has been closed, our worship has always been open! God's grace and peace to you and your family.

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