

**A Virtual Service of Worship for
Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021**

The Ash Wednesday Service invites us into a holy space where we confront our own mortality and confess our sins before God within the community of faith. During this service, you are invited to set the container of ashes and earth before you (or if you did not obtain a container from Grove UMC, to pause this video and gather a small sample of soil from where you live and set it before you). Let this symbol of earth and ash be a visual reminder of our human mortality and God's redemptive grace made available to us through Jesus Christ. As we prepare our minds and hearts let us share a moment of silence

Silent Preparation for Worship

Call Adapted from Call to Worship by Beth Merrill Neel (from her blog holdfasttowhatisgood.com)

Voice 1: In the quiet, in the calm, in the stillness,

Voice 2: We seek God

Voice 1: In the clamor, in the cry, in the grief,

Voice 2: We seek God

Voice 1: In this time, in this place, together

Voice 2: We seek God

Voice 1: As we seek, let us worship God.

Introit 378 **Amazing Grace (stanza 1)**
(solo, acapella?)

Scripture **Job 42:5-6**

Message *To Gaze Upon Earth and Ashes*
Rev Dr Jan C Nicholson Angle

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Disciplines

Thanksgiving over Earth and Ashes

Confession **Psalm 51:1-17**

Time of Silent Confession

***Hymn 3104** **Amazing Grace**
(My Chains Are Gone)

***Dismissal with Blessing**

God be in your head, and in your understanding.

God be in your eyes, and in your looking.

God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.

God be in your heart, and in your thinking.

God be at your end, and at your departing.