

Gather at the Welcome Table: Communion

Invitation

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One: May the God of light and dust be with you,

All: And also with you.

One: Open wide your hearts:

All: We open them up to our God.

One: Let us give thanks to God our creator.

All: Even in the midst of the wilderness, we give God our praise.

Prayer of Communion

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Here and now, we give thanks for the steadfast love of God that we see reflected in Jesus the Christ....

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Breaking the Bread/ Blessing the Cup

*The bread of life. The cup of the new covenant.
Both given to us. Both we partake in together as we
remember our servant-leader Jesus the Christ.*

Sharing the Meal

Please follow the directions printed in the bulletin.

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

***All: Even as we come to the table tonight remembering
our fragility with the dust on our heads, we also give
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these next 40 days and as we walk the road to the
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C: Tonight we mark the beginning of our walk with Jesus by remembering our human frailty and our dependence on God's mercy. Together we pray:

***Holy God, we were created from dust; now we claim that humility as Christ did when he walked in the dust of humankind. Grant the presence of your Holy Spirit, that these ashes may remind us that you are God and that we are not; may we carry their mark through the days of Lent and into Easter light. In Christ's name,
AMEN***

Imposition of Ashes

Blessing (unison)

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