

Mennonite Church of Normal
Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2024

Prelude

Ash Wednesday Welcome

Call to Lent

Into the darkness of night we come,
Contemplating life and death, sin and repentance,
The purpose of our mortal lives.

ALL: Lord, abide with me.

We do not sit here in the darkness alone,
For You, O Lord, are a constant companion,
A light unto our paths.

ALL: Lord, abide with me.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,
As we confess our sin to You
for what we have done and what we have failed to do.
Convict our hearts.
Lead us to repentance.

ALL: Lord, abide with me.

As it was in the beginning, we are dust and to dust we shall return.
We trust in Your Resurrection and Your love
that will lead us to Your Kingdom now and forever.
We offer all of ourselves to You, One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

ALL: Amen.

Abide with Me VT 502

Joel 2: 1-2; 12-14

silent reflection

Psalm 51

silent reflection

1 John 1: 5-10

silent reflection

Lord's Prayer

Imposition of Ashes

Spirit of the Living God VT 740

Word of Assurance and Blessing



Worship Leader: Jessica Hall - Accompanist: Elsa Raab - Hymn Leader: Barry Weaver