

**Worship Notes:** Today we have traditional palm ashes as well as glitter and ashes provided by Parity NYC, an LGBTQIA+ affirming faith and advocacy organization.

**What is glitter + ashes?**

Ashes are a statement that death and suffering are real. Ashes are a sign that we repent of our role in the violence that pervades our world.

Glitter is a sign of hope, of affirmation that we will not be stuck in despair, but that we repent, we show up, we witness, we work. Glitter+ashes combined remind us that sorrow and joy are always intermingling, that we are dust and stardust.

**The Scripture** is from The Women’s Lectionary for the Whole Church Year A by Dr. Wilda C. Gafney.

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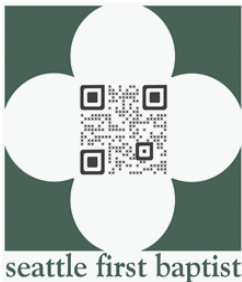
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**This Sunday, February 26** is the first Sunday of Lent. We invite you to join us for our 11:00am worship service.

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# Ash Wednesday



Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
6:00 p.m. In the Chapel

*Please respect those gathering in prayer before worship.*

# Welcome to our Ash Wednesday Service

Please take a moment to turn your cell phone ringer off. Thank you!

## Dignity and Place



We Sing                      *Wait for the Lord* (please sing 4x)                      See Insert

Wait for the Lord, Whose day is near  
Wait for the Lord, Keep watch, take heart!

We Call Each Other to Worship    Alex Hasanova

**ALL: The End is God’s. The Beginning is God’s.**  
One: The Storm is God’s. The Peace is God’s.  
**ALL: The Depths are God’s. The Heights are God’s**  
One: The Dark is God’s. The Light is God’s.  
**ALL: For all times, all things and all, all belong to God.**  
One: Travel with God to the end from the beginning.  
**ALL: Walk with the Lord of your salvation.**  
One: Continue with God during the storm as well as the peace.  
**ALL: Walk with the God of your deliverance.**  
One: Journey with God through the depths and the heights.  
**ALL: Walk with the Lord of your restoration.**  
One: Tarry with God in the dark and the light.  
**ALL: Walk with the Lord of your assurance;**  
One: For all times, all things and all, all belong to God.  
Let us worship.

We Sing                      *Bless the Lord* (please sing 4x)                      See Insert

Bless the Lord, my soul, And bless God’s holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, Who leads me into life.

We Listen                      Joel 2:1, 12-17, 21-22                      David Young

We Sing                      *Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face*                      #186

We Ponder    Pastor Anita Peebles

We Pray    Pastor Anita Peebles

We Receive the Ashes

We Sing                      *By Night* (please sing 4x)                      See insert

By night, we hasten, in darkness,  
To seek for the living water,  
Only our thirst leads us onward,  
Only our thirst leads us onward.

We Are Invited to the Labyrinth    Rev. Carolyn Shimabukuro

We Sing                      *Nothing Can Trouble* (please sing 4x)                      See insert

Nothing can trouble,  
nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten, God alone fills us.

We Call Each Other to What Is Next    Alex Hasanova

**ALL: The End is God’s. The Beginning is God’s.**  
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Amen.

*We encourage you to make your way to the Fellowship Hall in silence.*

The labyrinth will be open until 8pm.

\*If it is comfortable for you, please stand where indicated.