

*Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.*

## **Bind Us Together**

**Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken  
Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together  
Bind us together with Love**

**Singing I love you Lord  
Singing I love you Lord  
Singing I love you Lord  
I love you**



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Sunday Service at 9:30 am

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 5th 2025**

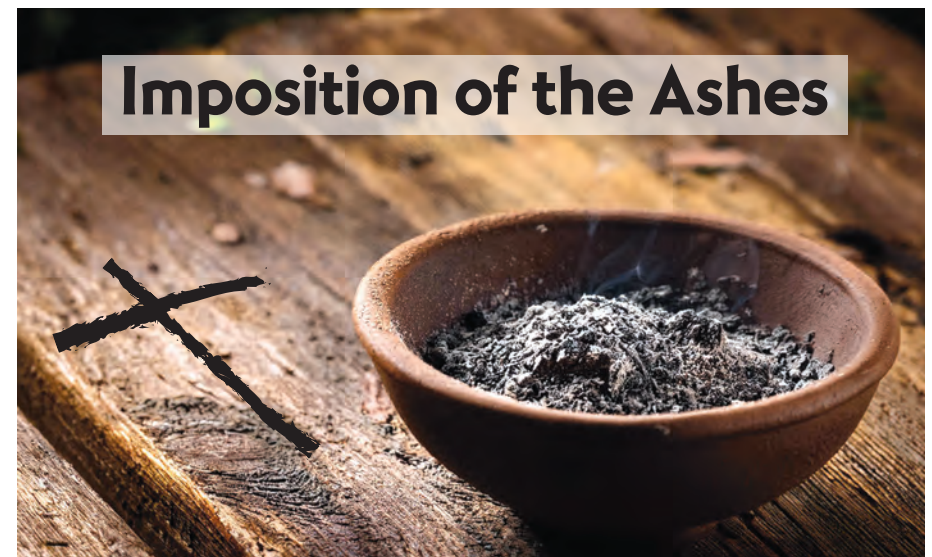


Message By

**Pastor Joey Croft**

**“Setting Christian Priorities”**

**Matthew 6: 25-34**



**Imposition of the Ashes**

# Order of Worship

Worship Song -----395 Take Time to Be Holy  
Worship Song -----452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Responsive Reading ----- Liturgy

"Come now, let us settle the matter,"

says the Lord.

"Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red as crimson,

they shall be like wool.

Isaiah 1:18

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

that he may teach us his ways and that

we may walk in his paths

Isaiah 2:5

In returning and rest you shall be saved;

in quietness and in trust shall be

your strength.

Isaiah 30:15

Rend your heart

and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in

steadfast love, relents from punishing. Joel 2:13

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest

who has passed through the heavens,

Jesus the Son of God,

let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a High Priest  
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

but we have one who in every respect has  
been tested as we are, yet without sin.

therefore approach the throne of grace with

boldness.

so that we may receive mercy and find grace

in our time of need. Hebrews 4:13-16

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## "Setting Christian Priorities"

Scripture -----Matthew 6: 25-34

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or  
drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food,  
and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do  
not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father  
feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Can any one  
of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup>"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the  
field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even

Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is  
how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomor-  
row is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of  
little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What  
shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all  
these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things  
will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its  
own.

## Imposition of the Ashes

Benediction -----Bind Us Together