**Riverside Community Church**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 2, 2022 7 pm**

Gathering Music

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude “Ave Maria”

Words of Welcome

\*Opening Song “When We Are Living” 2x

***When We Are Living, it is in Christ Jesus,***

***and when we’re dying, it is in the Lord.***

***Both in our living and in our dying,***

***we belong to God, we belong to God.***

Preparing Our Hearts

Readings “Room to Grow” *Meister Eckhart*

 “Keeping Quiet” *Pablo Neruda*

Choral Anthem “Just As I Am” *Elliot, Bradbury & Carter*

Bible Bits & Scripture Isaiah 58: 1-12 Matthew 6:19-21

Words of Reflection

Song of Response “Nothing Can Trouble” *3x.*

***Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.***

***Those who seek God shall ever go wanting.***

***God alone fills us.***

A Time of Blessing “Blessing the Dust”

A Time to Remember

*You are invited to come forward and receive the mark of ashes—as a reminder of your existence as a finite, vulnerable and beloved child of God, and as a sign of your desire for wholeness and healing.*

\*Closing Song “Take, O Take Me as I Am” *2x.*

***Take, O take me as I am;***

***summon out what I shall be;***

***set your seal upon my heart and live in me.***

Benediction

*Following the benediction, you are invited to*

*depart the sanctuary in silence or*

*remain for a time of reflection*



*Would you become a pilgrim on the road of Love?*

*The first condition is that you make yourself*

*humble as dust and ashes.*

*Ansarit of Herat*



*Rev. Vicky Stifter, Minister*

*Diana Beterbide, Piano & Choir Director*

*Dawn Rankin, Flute*

*Betty Shalhope & Eileen Utroske, Diaconate Leaders*

*Kathy Watson & Heather Nielsen, Readers*

*Tom Hackett, Sound & Audio Visual System*



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