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Rockville Presbyterian Church,
Rockville, MD
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We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spirit as you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information about RPC, please talk with anyone wearing a name tag or the Pastor.

*-- Indicates that all who are able may stand

Bold Letters Indicate congregational response

GATHERING

Prelude

When I Am Laid in Earth

Henry Purcell

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

In the dark of night, we come.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus

Save us from the darkness of our souls.

Save us, Lord Jesus

We will follow you anywhere.

Direct and guide us, Lord Jesus.

Prepare us for the wilderness.

Visit us with your presence, Lord Jesus.

We prepare for the cross.

Protect us with your holiness, Lord Jesus.

Amen

***Gathering Hymn** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **STF #2193 (X 7)**

Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord, send your Spirit in this place

Lord, listen to your children praying

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God, through love you have made us, and for love you call us to lives of deep faith. Claim us as your own. Surround us with your holy presence. Visit us with humility and grace as we remember your son, betrayed and punished, the innocent lamb of life. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

***Centering Hymn**

In God Alone

#814 (X7)

**In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.**

**Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest and peace.**

Meditation

Imposition of Ashes

Litany of Ashes

God of the cross, we wear these ashes for you.

God of the wilderness

We wear these ashes for you.

God of the doomed son.

We wear these ashes for you.

God of the lonely son.

We wear these ashes for you.

God of the tempted son.

We wear these ashes for you.

God of the persecuted son.

We wear these ashes for you.

God of the praying son.

We wear these ashes for you.

We wear these ashes for you and for your son.

We enter into wilderness with you.

Amen.

Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

Faith is Patience in the Night

STF #2211

1. Faith is patience in the night, waiting for the morning light, never giving up the fight.

Refrain:

Spirit God give us faith.

2. Faith is laughter in our pain, joy in pleasures that remain, trust in one we can't explain. *Refrain*

3. Faith is steadfast will to live, standing firm and positive, being ready still to give. *Refrain*

4. Faith is courage under stress, confidence in hopelessness, greatest gift we can possess. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty

*Childcare will be available during the
Ash Wednesday dinner and service.*

