Ash Wednesday

Scripture:

So we are ambassadors who represent Christ.

God is negotiating with you through us.

We beg you as Christ's representatives,

"Be reconciled to God!" - 2 Corinthians 5:20 CEB

Use thumb to make ashes in the shape of a cross on the forehead saying:

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

(lyrics from Beautiful Things by Gungor)

Prayer:

God, thank you for creating us out of the dust. Today we are reminded through the simple tradition of marking ourselves with ashes that we belong to you and that you are making us each new and beautiful as we draw nearer to you during this Lenten season. Amen.