

**UMC Monroe/Long Hill United Methodist Church**  
**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**February 17, 2021, 7:00 pm**

**Beginning Music** "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

**Prelude** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**Words to ponder:** As Christ's ambassadors to the world, let us be reconciled with God.

**Welcome** Pastor Ed

**Opening Prayer (*Unison*)** Leader  
Come, Holy Spirit, let us find our rest in you. As we begin this season of Lent, we step out of the fast-moving current of daily life. During this holy season, may we choose stillness over action; may we strive to listen rather than to speak. Help us slow our pace and quiet our minds, that our spirits may draw closer to you. Bless our worship with your presence, and fill our minds with new wisdom, that we may rise with you at Easter and lift up others in your name. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise** "Just As I Am" Eunice Alberts,  
Patty Dayton, Ron Giannattasio

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ** Pastor Ed

**Old Testament** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 6:1-6 and 16-21  
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

**Sermon** "***Another Way to Live***" Pastor Ed

**Giving of the Bread and Cup** Pastor Ed

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Sending Hymn** "Give Me Jesus"

**Benediction** Pastor Ed

*Our Worship Tech Team*

Rose Aiello  
Eunice Alberts  
Thayer Doyle  
Patti Early  
RoseAnne Homola  
Amy Rajpolt  
Sheryl Rajpolt



Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton  
Soloist(s): Eunice Alberts, Patty Dayton  
Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola  
Joys and Concerns: Thayer Doyle  
UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello  
LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma  
Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts

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***“Growing in the Body of Christ”***

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