

# Ash Wednesday Worship

March 2, 2022 - 7:00 pm

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: True Worship

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader

O God, maker of everything and judge of all that You have made,  
from the dust of the earth you have formed us  
and from the dust of death you would raise us up.  
By the redemptive power of the cross,  
create in us clean hearts  
and put within us a new spirit,  
that we may repent of our sins  
and lead lives worthy of Your calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**\*Opening Hymn** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH #175

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 58:1–12 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Spiritual Disciplines"

Pastor Chuck

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Dust and Ashes"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline**

*Brief history of the practice of Lent in the early church, followed by a personal invitation to you, the Church, to embrace the practice today.*

**Thanksgiving Over the Ashes**

*A humble request of our God to allow these ashes to be a reminder of our dependence on Jesus' gift*

(Unison)

**Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.  
Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and  
penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious  
gift are we given everlasting life.  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Imposition of Ashes**

*If you desire, come to the altar to receive ashes placed on your forehead or on the back of your hand.*

*"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"*

*"Repent, and believe the gospel"*

**Confession and Pardon**

*A final humble request of our God to accept our repentance and forgive our sins as we strive for a new life in Christ.*

## WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**\*Sending Hymn**

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH #496

**\*Benediction**



# ASH WEDNESDAY

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship  
Next up: **Deuteronomy 26:1–11, Luke 4:1–13**



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



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**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**  
*“Growing in the Body of Christ”*