

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 22, 2023 - 7:00 pm

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

Worship Theme: Imperishable

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Moonlight Sonata" RoseAnne Homola
1st Movement - Beethoven

Welcome

*Call to Worship Hebrews 4 (*Responsively*) Leader
Leader: Indeed, the word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it
divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow;

People: **it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

Leader: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

People: **let us hold fast to our confession.**

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

People: **but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.**

Leader: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

People: **so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Leader: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain,

People: **for the Lord our God is holy.**

*Opening Prayer Pastor Chuck

*Opening Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me" UMH #463
(v. 1,4,5)

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [1 Corinthians 15:42-49](#) (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 "Image-Bearer" Pastor Chuck

CHOIR ANTHEM "Create in Me" Pete Carlson and John Lemonis

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 "We Walk By Faith" TFWS #2196
(v. 1-4)

*Benediction

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday April 2nd - 10:00 am Worship Service
Easter Egg Hunt Afterwards

Holy Thursday April 6th - 7:00 pm Worship Service
with Communion

Good Friday April 7th - 7:00 pm Musical Cantata at
Long Hill United Methodist Church in Trumbull

Easter Sunrise Service April 9th at 6:00 am at Great Hollow Lake

Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

NOTE: All services (except for Sunrise Service) will be both in-person and on Zoom...Long Hill will send their Zoom Link separately.

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSIkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 965 4066 9674
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"Growing in the Body of Christ"