



FAIRVIEW

UNITED METHODIST

Ash Wednesday | February 14, 2024 | 6 PM

Greeting

*Opening Meditation

Choir Special

We Are The Dust of God

Children's Moment

Children are welcome to come to the front to learn more about Ash Wednesday.
Adults may accompany their child(ren) or children can stay in their seats.

Scripture

Psalms 51:1-17

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a God of second chances,
a God who sees through our stubbornness
and holds our fear with tenderness.**

**We believe that this God of second chances
uses ordinary people to do good in the world.**

Therefore, we believe and hope that God can use us too.

We believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible.

We believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

This change is holy and important work, although challenging.

**When fear and scarcity plague us,
or when the impossible feels out of reach,**

We believe that God meets us with grace and invites us to follow.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Amen.

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Hymn Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581 v. 1-3

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes TFWS 2138

Call to Confession

Confession and Forgiveness

Merciful God,

How many times in a day could we choose love?

How many times could we choose justice?

How many times could we speak kindly to ourselves?

How many times could we offer grace?

How many times, God? And how often do we miss it?

Forgive us for choosing the path you did not travel.

Forgive us for hitching our horse to the world's measure of goodness,
instead of yours.

**Return our hearts to you, and guide us continually, even in the parched
places.**

With gratitude we pray,

Amen.

*Closing Hymn Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH 400

Dismissal

God's People Depart the Church in Silence

The asterisk (*) indicates when to stand in body or spirit;
UMH stands for the United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS stands for The Faith We Sing
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