

# ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

## **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Call to Worship**

Ashleigh Koetje & Owen Mangrum

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in the desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell. They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He put their feet on a straight path to go to a place where they might dwell.

**All: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**

**Desert Song** | Brooke Ligertwood

**Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13**

## **Homily**

### **Prayers of the People**

Ethan Allan, Linden Shaw, Lucas Niehl and Hannah Purdy

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

**All: hear our prayer.**

## **Journey Through the Stations**

Bury pieces of paper in sand of things we want to surrender to Jesus. (front of the Sanctuary)

Write your hopes and prayers for this season on the tables. (in the Narthex)

Blessings given from grandparents for the season of Lent.

**Still** | Hillsong

**Lord have Mercy** | Michael W. Smith

**O Praise The Name (Anástasis)** | Hillsong

**Beautiful Things** | Gungor

## **Imposition of Ashes**

Leader: Almighty yet merciful God, from the dust of the earth, you formed us. By your breath, we were given life. Though you gave us life, we turned from you, seeking life apart from the one who gives it. Still, you call us back, not with condemnation, but with love. As we come forward to receive the ashes, remind us that we are yours, that we are called to repentance, that we are held in grace, and that through the cross, we are made new.

**All: Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and repentance, and a reminder that while we wait, the hope of Easter is on the horizon.**

**Collect:** Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to  
be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

### Benediction

Intentions and Hopes for Lent:

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

*We believe the Lord brought you here!*

Welcome to UPPC! We are so glad you are here, and if you are a guest or we haven't met you yet, we would love to greet you. Fill out the CONNECT CARD in your pew and visit the Welcome Center near the front doors.

We hope your time with us creates a meaningful encounter with Jesus.



Rev. Aaron Stewart | Senior Pastor  
Rev. Mike Moffitt | Associate Pastor  
Rev. Tina Osterhouse | Associate Pastor