

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

7 pm | February 22, 2023



GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Jesus, Lead Thou On* Blackburn

Welcome and Centering Rev. James Preston

Opening Hymn* *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Blue Hymnal #269

Words of Gathering* Elaine Ahrens

One: Blow the horn in Zion!

All: Give a shout on my holy mountain!

One: For the Day of the Lord is coming!

All: Return to the Lord for he is full of love and mercy! Blow the horn in Zion!

Opening Prayer (Unison)

O God, maker of all things, from the dust you have formed us and from the dust of death, you would raise us up. By the power of the cross, create in us clean hearts, and put within us a new spirit. Lead us to repent of our sins and lead a life worthy of your calling. Amen.

(Adapted from Ash Wednesday Prayer Blue Book #353)

Song of Reflection *O Lord, You're Beautiful* Black Hymnal 2064

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Psalms *Psalms 51: 1-17*

A Reading from the New Testament *2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Song of Preparation *Sanctuary (2x)* Black Hymnal #2164

Message *I AM Mercy and Forgiveness* Rev. James Preston

Invitation to the Observance of Lent Rev. James Preston

Thanksgiving and Imposition of Ashes Rev. James Preston

Imposition of Ashes Rev. James Preston & Pastor Clayton Edwards

One: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Repent, and believe the Gospel.

All: Amen

A Prayer of Confession and Pardon Pastor Clayton Edwards

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. Have mercy on us and forgive us we pray so that we may walk in your ways each day. Amen.

SILENCE

One: Hear this Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you too are forgiven. We really are forgiven. Amen.

Anthem Chancel Choir

Ave Verum W.A. Mozart

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Intercession Pastor Clayton Edwards

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Pastor Clayton Edwards

Offertory *Man of Sorrows* Bliss

Announcements Rev. James Preston

Hymn of Sending Forth* *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Blue Hymnal #454

Benediction* Rev. James Preston

Postlude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Maker

**Stand as you are able.*

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Liturgist: Elaine Ahrens

Ushers: Carl Ellis, Ric & Donna Sisi

Scripture Reader: Beth Jayapalan

Greeter: Carol Ellis

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday & Pancake Brunch

Hosted by
United Methodist Men



April 2
9 am & 10:30 am



Holy
Thursday
7 pm
April 6

GOOD FRIDAY April 7

12 pm Sanctuary
7 pm Sanctuary & Online



Easter Sunday April 9

7:30 am Youth-led Sunrise Service
9:00 am & 10:30 am

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

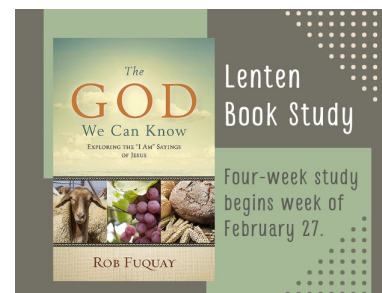
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OUR MISSION:

LOVE GOD, SERVE OTHERS & BUILD SACRED COMMUNITY AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST



Today is Ash Wednesday and we begin the 40-day season of Lent, mirroring the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness in temptation. Lent is an ancient word that means “spring” and is a time of preparation, fasting, prayer, and devotion as we move on a journey toward Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. We receive the ashes on our forehead or hand as a sign of repentance, confession, and our own mortality. Our sermon series for Lent is *I AM: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John*. Based on the book by Rev. Rob Fuquay, *The God We Can Know*, we will hear and study the “I AM” statements of Jesus recorded in the book of John. From “I am the Good Shepherd” to “I am the Bread of Life,” we will deepen our commitment to Christ in this sacred journey together. Consider joining a study group, read the book, attend worship, or consider a spiritual discipline this Lent.



Consider joining a Lenten Bible study focusing on the “I AM” sayings of Jesus from the Gospel of John. We will be using the book, *The God We Can Know* by Rob Fuquay. An **in-person** study will be held on Mondays, February 27, March 6, 13, and 20 at 10:00 am in Room 135. An **online only** study will be held on Mondays, February 27, March 6, 13, and 20 at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. Books are available in the Fireside Room. Sign up at kingswoodumc.com/events.

During the season of Lent, the Mission Team invites you to make a Lenten offering in support of **UMCOR's** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) **Global Migration Program**. All migrants suffer loss along or prior to their journeys, and most are unable to access the assistance they need to rebuild their lives in safe places. Let us shine the light of Christ by providing hope and care to vulnerable migrants, refugees and asylum seekers around the world. To learn more and give, visit kingswoodumc.com/serve-others.



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Offering basket in Fireside Room



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