

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

GATHERING

GREETING*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endure for ever.

OPENING PRAYER*

**O God, maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made,
From the dust of the earth you have formed us
And from the the dust of the earth 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.**

HYMN* *Take Time to Be Holy* UMH 395

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

REFLECTIONS ON LENT

SPECIAL MUSIC *Dust and Ashes* Pastor Peggy & Angie

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that theses 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*

Remember that you are formed from dust, brought to life by the breath of God. And to dust you shall return, until you are brought to new life in God through resurrection.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

The congregation prays Psalm 51:1-17 UMH 785

Silent prayers

Assurance of Pardon

CHOIR ANTHEM *What Wondrous Love Is This* SUMC Chancel Choir

THE PEACE*

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN* *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH 382

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING*

GOING FORTH*



for you are dust, and to
dust you will return
Genesis 3:19



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6:30 PM Service