

PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Welcome to worship on this somber first day of Lent. We humbly remember our broken human condition while trusting confidently in Christ's salvation already won for us.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

GREETING

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L. Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

P: God's mercy endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 269**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 901

PSALM 51 (responsive reading) 785

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 1144

***HYMN: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior 351**

SERMON

**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 these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***IMPOSITION OF ASHES Just As I Am 357**

***CONFESSION AND PARDON 890**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We praise and thank you, O God, for you are without begin and without end.

Through Christ, you created the whole world; through Christ you preserve it. You made the day for the works of light, and the night for the refreshment of our minds and bodies. Keep us now in Christ; grant us a peaceful Lent; a season free from sin; and bring us at last to eternal life. Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, we offer you all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 95

***HYMN Lord, I Want to Be a Christian 401**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH (PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE)**

AN ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Dear righteous Lord, we enter the holy season of Lent confessing our many sins that separate us from you. We're sincerely sorry for offending you repeatedly through our thoughts, our words and our actions -- and often through our inactions, too.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us your tender mercy. Restore and strengthen us to become your faithful and faith0filled servants. During our Lenten journey, remind us to show mercy to other people, just as you've shown mercy to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.



What is Lent ?



Lent is the time of the Christian religion that reflects the 40 days that Jesus was in the desert fasting before the beginning of his ministry.



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