

**Ash Wednesday Worship
A Service of Dust and Ashes
February 26, 2020 - 7:00 pm**



Gathering Music

Welcome

Prayer (on screen, unison)

God in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need, and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen

Song “Come and Find the Quiet Center” TFWS 2128

Scripture Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Anthem “Create in Me a Clean Heart” CSUMC Choir

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Song “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord” UMH 352

Meditation “What an Imposition!” Rev. Bill Johnson

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we admit that when the going gets rough, we begin to assert ourselves and our own needs, and we pull back from community. Like the Israelites in the desert, we murmur and complain; we criticize and blame. In your compassion, forgive us; help us, through the grace of Jesus Christ, to maintain our unity of purpose and commitment even in the wilderness days. For it is in Christ’s name that we pray. Amen

Invitation, Thanksgiving, and Imposition of Ashes

Song “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” UMH 402

Dismissal

Lenten Worship: “Hope for Hard Times”



Right now the times are hard. Few people are optimistic about the economy or the environment or the culture. We fear for our nation, our United Methodist Church, for the ozone layer, for the manners of our children. Fear is the national pastime, and it seems that optimism is on vacation. For people of faith, there is good news: There is no better time for hope. Worship with us during the Lenten Season, and discover how hope is the answer for hard times. Two special, 7 p.m. services, Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday, book-end our weekly worship on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Join us!

Sundays, March 1 – April 5 at 10:15 a.m.

March 1 - Hope When You're Caught in the Wrong Race (Matthew 4:1-2)

March 8 - Hope for Acceptance (Luke 15:1-10)

March 15 - Hope Beyond the Hope in Violence (Luke 15:13)

March 22 - Hope for the Church (2 Corinthians 4:7)

March 29 - Hope in the Face of Death (Luke 18:1-8)

April 5 – Hope for Love (2 Timothy 4:1, 7-8; 16-17)

Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

This will be a service emphasizing the approaching darkness of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Music and accompanying Scripture readings tell the story of the week that changed history. Childcare is provided.