

 **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Early Morning Service for the Imposition of Ashes
Ash Wednesday ~ March 5, 2025 ~ 7:30am

*** Please remain seated for the service. ***

GATHERING MUSIC (ALL SINGING) “As the Deer” TFWS 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY) from Isaiah 1:18

Voice One: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord.

Voice Two: Though your sins are like scarlet,

People: They shall be white as snow;

Voice Three: Though they shall be red as crimson,

People: They shall be like wool.

Confession Psalm 51:1-9 only UMH Psalter 785

Words of Assurance (ALL) “Healer of Our Every Ill” TFWS 2213
(SINGING ONLY THE REFRAIN TOGETHER)

Scripture Psalm 139:23-24

Reflections on the Word

Prayer Before The Imposition Of Ashes (IN UNISON) UMBOW 336
Joseph Newton

O Merciful Father, in compassion for Your sinful children You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil that made it necessary for Him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Singing & Imposition of Ashes “You Are My Hiding Place”
TFWS 2055

After we sing the music through twice, you may come forward to receive the ashes. Extend the back of your palm for ashes to be imposed there. Otherwise, the ashes will be placed on your forehead. You may spend time in the pew or at the altar afterwards. The service is ended...Go in peace.

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Services begin at 12:05pm **Lunch** following the service at 12:30pm

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March 13	The Rev. Robert C. Hawk	Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Coleslaw, Chips and Dessert
March 20	The Rev. Kara Propst	Chicken Casserole, Rolls, Fruit Salad and Dessert
March 27	The Rev. Peter Nordby	Broccoli Cheese Soup, Ham and Cheese Sliders, Chips and Dessert
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April 10	The Rev. Chris Combs	Ham Barbeque Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Chips and Dessert
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