



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Ash Wednesday marks the beginning  
of Lent, and is a day of prayer,  
fasting, penitence and reflection.*

*Traditionally on this day,  
a cross is marked on the forehead  
(or on the palm of the hand) in ash as  
a sign of repentance in preparation  
for the great festival of Easter.*



## **Sunday Services 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

February 14; *Journey with Jesus: A Wilderness Expedition*

February 21; *Journey with Jesus: A Nighttime Expedition*

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016  
6:00 P.M.

GATHERING AND INTRODUCTION Rev. Grace Phelps

PRELUDE Justin Hanson, Organ

GREETING Rev. Phelps

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 endures for ever.**

OPENING PRAYER In Unison

**O God, Maker of everything,  
and judge of all that you have made,  
from the dust of the earth you have formed us  
and from the dust of death  
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 repent of our sins  
and lead lives worthy of your calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN "I Surrender All" UMH 354

OLD TESTAMENT Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Helene Kramer

EPISTLE Wally Burdette  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

SILENT MEDITATION

\*HYMN "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH 395

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

ANTHEM "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Choir  
(from Psalm 51)

INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE Rev. Wade Cox

SILENT MEDITATION

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES In Unison

**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 may remember  
that only by your gracious gift  
are we given everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

CONFESSION Psalm 51:1-17 UMH 785

WORD OF PARDON/THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour" UMH 397

\*SENDING FORTH Rev. Cox

POSTLUDE