

**DODGE CENTER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday**

* Please stand as you are able

Prelude In the Cross of Christ I Glory Wilbur Held

***Call to Worship**

L: God of salvation's joy, we gather to celebrate and revere you.

P: We come, realizing that we are broken. Forgive and re-create us.

L: God of unfailing love, we gather to worship and honor you.

P: We come, and because of your compassion, forgive and renew us.

L: God of fresh starts, we gather to praise and thank you.

P: We come, and through your grace and mercy, forgive and restore us, so that with clean hearts we may truly worship you. Amen.

***Hymn UMH # 390 (all verses)
"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"**

Unison Confession

Wondrous God, we confess that we have not listened for your Word as we should. We confess that we have placed obstacles in the way of our neighbors. We are guilty of being proud and arrogant. Forgive us for our foolish and hateful ways. Forgive us for taking your amazing gift of grace for granted. Redirect us, by your spirit that we may be your faithful people once again.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture Lesson Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-21

Message Pastor Chad Christensen

**Hymn of the Day UMH # 474 (all verses)
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

Invitation to The Observance of Holy Lent

Service of Ashes

Litany of Penitence

L: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

P: Have mercy on us, Lord

L: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

P: Have mercy on us, Lord.

L: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness; the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

P: We confess to you, Lord.

L: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

P: We confess to you, Lord.

L: Our anger at our own frustrations, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

P: We confess to you, Lord.

L: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

P: We confess to you, Lord.

L: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

P: We confess to you, Lord.

L: Accept our repentance Lord, for the wrongs we have done; for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

P: Accept our repentance, Lord.

L: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

P: We confess to you, Lord.

L: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

P: Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

L: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

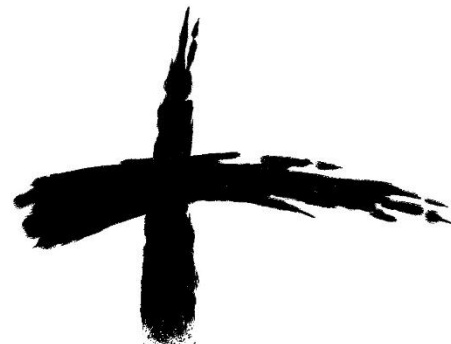
P: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

L: By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord.

P: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

*** Hymn UMH # 121 (all verses)
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

Benediction



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

February 17, 2021