

In Our Prayers ...

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**Families of members who
passed away, including:*

Mardell Truog
Rick Jones
Daryl Underwood
Wayne Truog
Keith Bare
Gwen Carmichael
Bev Hankey

**Those who have been
hospitalized & our military
members.*

⁹*Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.*

¹⁰*Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

¹¹*Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.*

¹²*Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

¹³*Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.*

¹⁴*Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,*

and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵*Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.*

¹⁶*You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.*

¹⁷*My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.*

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OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY**

***CLOSING HYMN**

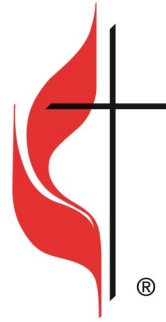
361 Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me

***BENEDICTION**

PASTOR: Go in peace, remembering that you are but dust and ashes and unworthy of being called the people of God. But also remember that you who were no people, God by His love and grace has made a people, children of God's household. Let us go forth in humility to be Christ to the world.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Depart in silence



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Psalm 51

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Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020, 7:00PM

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

When you see the [*], people are invited to arise as able.

Hymns No. 57-734 are in the red hymnal (The United Methodist Hymnal),

2000's are in the black hymnal (The Faith We Sing).

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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 HYMN**

2140 Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

***OPENING PRAYER** Litany of Penitence

LEADER: We come before God as a sign of our humility and submission to God.

ALL: Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we lack any righteousness of our own, that we kneel before you, unworthy of your love. We have often failed to be your people, by our own fault, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

LEADER: 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.

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord.

LEADER: Too often, 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.

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord.

**Change: A Prayer Poem for
Ash Wednesday**

Cover me with ashes,
the thick-smoke soot of the earth.
Make my breathing
like the journey
from death into life
— second by second,
prayer by prayer.

Cover me with a cloak
— bring me low to the earth,
your justice whispering to me
like the gleam of red rocks,
the colors dancing
in the darkness.

Let me know the power of sage
and cedar in my bones,
not that I may trap them there,
but bring them forth in words.

Cover me with darkness
—with the presence of my elders,
their tears falling around me,
reminding me of why we are here
—sighing, groaning
with our singing,
longing to hear us into being,
stretching us beyond breathing
and praying and weeping.

Cover me with mercy
—let the bones
you have crushed rejoice,
like the woman
who channeled every ounce
of courage and dignity
to touch your cloak
and find new life.

Breathe unto me life anew,
of possibility,
of beauty,
of balance,
of grace.

Cover me with mud —
bring me to my lowest state,
so that in my weaknesses
I see your strength
—the reflection of your eyes
in the brokenness around me,
the fullness of your love
in the depths of our hearts.

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

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

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

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

LEADER: Our anger at our own frustration, and our
envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

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

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

LEADER: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and
our failure to bear witness to others the faith that is in us,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

LEADER: 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,

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

LEADER: For all false judgments, for uncharitable
thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and
contempt toward those who differ from us,

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

LEADER: Restore us, O Lord, and let your anger depart
from us.

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

LEADER: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

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

LEADER: By the cross and passion of your Son our
Lord,

**ALL: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his
resurrection.**

Silence for Repentance

***PASTOR:** The Lord is patient with us, not wanting any
to perish, but all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). If
we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive
us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness
(1 John 1:9). God so loved this world and this people that
God sent Christ to reconcile the world to God's self.

The good news for you this day is that God pardons those
who truly repent and transforms those who trust in God
for salvation with sincere hearts. In the name of Jesus,
who is the Christ, I proclaim the forgiveness of sins to all
who have drawn near to God in sincere confession.
Know that you are reconciled, accepted, and loved.

Let us pray:

***ALL: O God, we implore you to so fill us with your
Holy Spirit that those things we do on this day may
please you and that the rest of our lives may be pure
and holy, lived in the service of others, and that at the
last, we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 51:1-17

¹*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.*

²*Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.*

³*For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.*

⁴*Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.*

⁵*Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

⁶*Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.*

⁷*Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.*

⁸*Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.*

Cover me with ashes
—the ashes of my grandmother,
who in living her days
knew no strangers,
worked tirelessly
with worn hands
and lifted grandchildren
high into the air.

Cover me with mercy
—let my cheek come to rest
on the cold earth,
its faithful presence
a call to walk humbly
beyond myself
beyond my fears
and ever on to the red road
that leads to your love.

χάγες
— Changer
Cover me.

Cover me with ashes.
Change me.