

Heritage United Methodist Church

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Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

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Prelude		Jenny Memmott
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Maria Campbell
Invitation to Holy Lent		
Scripture	Psalm 51	Liturgist -Greg Laaser

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt-offerings and whole burnt-offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Litany of Confession

Liturgist: I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. (Ezekiel 36:26)

Congregation: A clean heart, create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Liturgist: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning. (Joel 2:12)

Congregation: A clean heart, create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Liturgist: I will give you a heart with which to understand that I am the Lord. You shall be my people and I will be your God, for you shall return to me with your whole heart. (Jeremiah 24:7)

Congregation: A clean heart, create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Liturgist: Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95:7-8)

Congregation: A clean heart, create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Anthem	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	HUMC Double Quartet
Scripture	Matthew 6:1, 16-21	Rev. Maria Campbell
A Reflection		Rev. Maria Campbell
Prayer		Rev. Maria Campbell
Litany, Thanksgiving and Imposition of Ashes		Rev. Maria Campbell
Closing Hymn	<i>I Change My Heart, O God</i>	#2152 TFWS
Sending Forth		Rev. Maria Campbell
Postlude		Jenny Memmott

Hymn***Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*****#269 UMH vs 1,3,5**

Verse 1

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

Verse 2

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

Verse 3

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

Verse 4

And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

Verse 5

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Closing Hymn***Change My Heart , O God*****#2152 TFWS**

Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God,
may I be like you.

You are the Potter,

I am the clay.

Mold me and make me,
this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God,
may I be like you.