



Heritage United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Prelude

Welcome

Invitation to a Holy Lent

Scripture – *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*

Song – Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days vs 1,3,5 #269 UMH

Litany of Confession

Anthem – Think of Me and Remember (*Raney*)

Scripture – Matthew 6:1, 16-21

Meditation & Reflection

Time of Silence

Imposition of the Ashes

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Song – Change My Heart, O God #2152 TFWS

Holy Communion

Song – Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes #2138 TFWS

Blessing

Postlude

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.

People: 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.

People: 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.

People: 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."

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17—Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Matthew 6:1, 16-21

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

LENT LIVE - Wednesdays during Lent



These Wednesdays:
Feb 28, March 6, March 20

Meal starts at 5:30pm
Followed by
Activity from 6-7pm

Nursery/Childcare available

HOLY WEEK & EASTER at HUMC

Maunder Thursday Service
Thurs, March 28 – 6:30pm

Good Friday Service
Fri, March 29 – 6:30pm

Easter Morning Worship
Sun, March 31 – 8am & 10am



Heritage UMC staff

Pastor—Rev. Maria Campbell
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Worship Song Sheet Ash Wednesday 2.14.24

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

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.
As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

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.

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes #2138 TFWS

Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes as another Lent begins;
thus we kneel before our Maker in contrition for our sins.
We have marred baptismal pledges, in rebellion gone astray;
now, returning, seek forgiveness; grant us pardon, God, this day!

We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive,
have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live,
we are jealous, proud, impatient, loving overmuch our things;
may the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.

We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need;
and our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed;
we have wasted earth's resources; want and suffering we've ignored;
come and cleanse us, then restore us; make new hearts within us, Lord!