

# Ash Wednesday

2-18-2026

**Music for Centering** *The Glory of These Forty Days* (McConnell)

## \*Call to Worship

Repent and return to the Lord!

**Repent? Wait ... what did I do?**

Repent and return to the Lord!

**Return? Wait ... where did I go?**

Repent and return to the Lord!

**Lord? Wait ... is that you?**

Beloved, I am calling you home to me.

**Lord, I am on my way.**



## \*Opening Prayer / Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn** *Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes* TFWS 2138

**Old Testament Reading** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Nannette Martin

**\*Gospel Reading** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Hymn** *Seek Ye First* UMH 405

## Message

## Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

## Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

**\*Imposition of the Ashes** *Finding Grace* (Williamson)

## Confession and Pardon

**Offering** (center aisle)

## Offering Prayer

**\*Hymn** *You Are My All in All*

## \*Benediction

**Music for Going Forth** *A Lenden Blessing* (Southbridge)

## Wednesday Night Lenten Speakers

5:30 Soup Supper and 6:00 Speaker

***Please invite everyone you know to hear these excellent speakers.***

Feb. 25 Judge Steve Parks speaking about a book he recently wrote:

[The Serenity Gang.](#)

Mar. 4 Matt Maskart, the Chief Executive Officer of Pathways

Mar. 11 Kristine Paulsen – “Take the Challenge: Healthy Media”

Mar. 18 Julie Mallard, the Executive Director of United Way, speaking about school readiness

Mar. 25 Bob Hazen, an elder of Lac Vieux Desert Chippewa Tribe and a Survivor of Native American boarding schools.

**If you would be willing to bring soup for one of these days, please call the church office 428-9311, or sign up in the narthex.**

## Holy Week (March 29 – April 5)

Palm Sunday worship at 10:30 on March 29

Maundy Thursday service with communion 7 p.m. on April 2

Good Friday service 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise service 7 a.m.

Easter Celebration service 10:30 a.m.

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