

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Wassner

OPENING MUSIC

Rick Hobbs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and filled with unfailing love.

People: God will not accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

Leader: God does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

People: For God's unfailing love is toward those who are penitent.

Leader: God has removed our sins from us.

People: God is compassionate and remembers we are dust.

Adapted from Psalm 103: 8-14 (NLT)

*OPENING HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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*UNISON INVOCATION

On this day of ashes, we come in repentance and sorrow for all our offenses against You and others. As we dare to worship You, we seek Your forgiveness that our sins may be removed and our spirits made clean and whole. Purify us, and enable us to walk in joy and gladness once again. All of this we ask in the name of the One who came to deliver us from sin and death. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING AND MEDITATION

Pastor Bill

"The LORD is my shepherd" Psalm 23:1a (NKJV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"If It Be Your Will" (Cohen)
Lori & Dirck Stahl, Kalah & Don Vowels

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Pastor Mary

Call: Jesus, we have not loved you with all of our hearts.

Response: Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Call: Jesus, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Response: Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Call: Jesus, we have turned our backs on the one true God.

Response: Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Call: Jesus, we have denied our desperate need of you.

Response: Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

All: Forgive us, Lord, for we have sinned. Thank you for hearing our cries for mercy. Amen.

DRAMATIC READING *The Fragrance of Jesus – Mark 14:4*

Rick Hobbs

PRAYER FOR ASHES

Pastor Mary

Creator God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence that we may remember that it is only by Your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life through Christ, Amen.

LITANY FOR EUCHARIST

Pastor Bill

Leader: Bread... the very stuff of life, in which is grain gathered up from the warm sun and gentle rain, kneaded and baked for our bodies.
Wine... fruit of the vine, nurtured, tended, harvested, and pressed out for us to drink.

People: By eating this bread and drinking this wine we become one in hope because we remember we are forgiven.

COMMUNION PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Come forward to receive the Ashes and Eucharist

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Near the Cross"

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*BENEDICTION

Pastor Bill

PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE



The liturgical color for Lent is violet, representing penitence, and sorrow.



Lent 2017

March 5th	First Sunday in Lent Scripture	What We Want vs. Need Psalm 23:1b
March 12th	Second Sunday Scripture	Rest and Peace Psalm 23:2
March 19th	Third Sunday Scripture	God's Guidance Psalm 23:3
March 26th	Fourth Sunday Scripture	Dealing with Loss Psalm 23:4a
April 2nd	Fifth Sunday Scripture	Seeking the Presence Psalm 23:4b
April 9th	Palm Sunday Scripture	Anointed for Service Psalm 23:5b
April 13th	Maundy Thursday Scripture 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship with Communion	Welcomed at the Table Psalm 23:5a
April 14th	Good Friday 5:30 Worship with area UCC churches at Good Samaritan Home	
April 16th	Easter Sunday Scripture Breakfast and Egg Hunt between services	Goodness and Mercy Psalm 23:6

NOTE: All Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m..

Our Lenten Study on *The Shack* will be Wednesdays at 12 noon on March 8th, 15th, and 22nd and on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. on March 9th, 16th, and 23rd. All classes meet in Room 208.

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