

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

7:30 p.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “When In the Hour of Utmost Need” J.S. Bach

INTROIT “Come Away with Me”

***THE GREETING**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: ***God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.***

Leader: What shall I render to the Lord for all God’s bounty to me?

People: ***I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.***

***HYMN #269** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” Land of Rest
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THE COLLECT (*seated*) **The Book of Common Prayer (Episcopal)**
Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to say when we pray...

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

THE PSALTER Psalm 51:1-17 Hymnal p.785
(Response 1)

THE EPISTLE II Corinthians 5:16 – 6:10 Bible p.1053 (LP, NT p.221)
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

***THE GOSPEL** Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21 Bible p. 881 (LP, NT, p.6)
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

***HYMN #2138** “Sunday’s Palms are Wednesday’s Ashes” insert

THE SERMON “Chipping Away at the Layers” Dr. Bodt

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND PENITENTIAL PRAYER

**All are invited forward for prayer at the Communion rail.
Those desiring ashes come directly to the pastors and then kneel.
Those not desiring ashes may go directly to the rail.
After your time of prayer please return to your seat.**

SILENT CONFESSION AND PARDON

***THE PEACE**

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: ***And also with you.***
(*In quiet and reverence, greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Wondrous Love” arr. by L. Shackley

*Presentation: “Take Our Bread” Hymnal #640

***THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION** Hymnal p. 27

***THE COMMUNION**

(*The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Take the bread, dip in the cup, and eat.*)

***HYMN #292** “What Wondrous Love Is This” Wondrous Love

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE BELL TOLLS** – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

POSTLUDE “Sarabande on ‘Land of Rest’” G. Near
(*Please remain seated for the postlude.*)

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Ushers: Stacey Riccardi, Dennis Darak, David Doyle and Amanda Repetsky

Greeter: Mary Lou Hastings

Celebrants: Pastors Brian Bodt, Hal Vink and Dani Levine and
Beth O’Brien, Co-Lay Leader

Communion Steward: Phoebe Repetsky and Carol Galloway

The Ash Wednesday Order of Service is from the The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992). The Greeting is from The Book of Worship (Methodist, 1965). The Collect is from The Book of Common Prayer (Episcopal, 1928).

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent (from a word meaning “Spring”), the 40 days (not including Sundays) prior to Easter. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance and sorrow and begin the Lenten journey. A time of reflection and repentance, Lent prepares us to journey to the cross so that we may fully rejoice with Christ at Easter.

Our six-week Adult Lenten/Easter study Miracles will be taught by Pastor Brian, meeting Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. beginning March 6/7 through March 20/21; a break for Holy Week; and then April 3/4 through April 17/18. Please speak with Pastor Brian or register through the church office (203.874.1982).

If you do not have a church home, consider worshipping with us in this special and deeply devotional season. We worship:

Sunday at 10 a.m. (Christian education for all ages at 9 a.m.)

Monday at 7 p.m. (Healing and Wholeness worship, Chapel, Wesley Center, 2nd Floor)

Wednesday at Noon throughout Lent (through March 21)

All services are handicapped-accessible.

We believe that whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a Reconciling Congregation of the United Methodist Church, welcoming all without regard to sexual orientation. Visit our website or e-mail the church office for more information (contacts below).

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