

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
February 14, 2018, 7 a.m.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

**\*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 Lord's name.*

\*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 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.*

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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 to the Communion rail for prayer and optional imposition of ashes. Stand or kneel as able. After your time of prayer please return to your seat.**

SILENT CONFESSION AND PARDON

\*THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal p. 15

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Take the bread, dip in the cup, and eat.)*

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.    P: *And also with you.*

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

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**ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT**

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*Wednesday at Noon throughout Lent (through March 21)*

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