

# Saint Andrew's VB UMC

## Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 2018

7:00 P.M.

\* Indicates when you are invited to stand, as you are able.

Red indicates the Liturgist portion to read.

### ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE SAINTS

(Greet one another.)

PASTORAL GREETING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

A TIME OF PREPARATORY PRAYER

PRELUDE

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

arr. P.L. Harris

COMING OF THE LIGHT

\* OPENING PRAYER: PRAISE AND INVOCATION

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Psalm 51**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

***according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.***

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

***For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.***

Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight,

***so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.***

Behold, I was born into iniquity,

***and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.***

Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

***Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;***

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

***Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.***

Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation,

***were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.***

\* HYMN: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

U.M. Hymnal 269

### Proclamation of the Word

**OLD TESTAMENT:**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

**NEW TESTAMENT:**

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Musical Offering

*"Our Father"* - Craig Courtney

Choir

GOSPEL LECTON:

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

\* HYMN: *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

U.M. Hymnal No. 292

\* GOSPEL LECTON READING:

Matthew 6:21

HOMILY:

*"Honest Piety Is A Good Thing"*

Rev. Witt

### Response to the Word

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

Rev. Witt

Pastor: Remember, from earth you come and unto earth you shall return.

Reply: ***Thanks be to God!***

RENDERING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS & SACRIFICES

\* DOXOLOGY

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**No. 895**

***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.***

### SENDING FORTH

\* HYMN: *"Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"*

The Faith We Sing No.2138

\* THE DISMISSAL WITH A BLESSING

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***SAnd Vision Statement:***

***To Love God with our Hearts...***

***To Know God with our Heads...***

***To Serve God with our Hands...***

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**, a day of **fasting**, is the first day of **Lent Western Christianity**. It occurs 46 days (40 fasting days, if the six Sundays, which are not days of fast, are excluded) before **Easter and** can fall as early as February 4 or as late as March 10.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from **palm branches** on the previous year's **Palm Sunday**, and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".<sup>[4]</sup>

**LENT** . . . is a remembrance of the 40 Days Christ spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry. We, the church, during our 40 day Celebration, are to prepare for Easter, the Annual Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah, our Lord and Savior. These 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter do not include the Sundays, which are each known as a Mini-Easter.

**JOIN THE JOURNEY**...We will have Lenten lunches each Wednesday, starting Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> (during Lent). We will begin at 12noon and end 1 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and join us for a brief message, food and fellowship.

