



Ash Wednesday

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

Psalm 51.10



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February 10, 2016

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Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service-Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.

***Please stand if you are able.*

(A TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION.)

WELCOMING WORDS

(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE** "JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS" UMH No. 301

****CALL TO WORSHIP** PSALM 51:1-17 UMH No. 785

**OPENING LITANY

L After the fire has raged and the flames have died away and grown cold, nothing remains but ashes.

C We are dust, and to dust we shall return.

L After the hot passion of sin, after the cool calculation of evil, all that remains is brokenness and ashes.

C We are dust, and to dust we shall return.

L After the zeal for living has ebbed away and life has run its course, there is nothing left but ashes.

C We are dust, and to dust we shall return.

L But ashes are not the end. This Lenten season begins in ashes, but it will not end in ashes. We begin in dust, but we shall end in resurrection glory. Enter this season, then, with confidence and with hope: ashes are not the end.

OLD TESTAMENT READING JOEL 2:12-19 **PEW BIBLE NO. 1073**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:10 **PEW BIBLE NO. 1046**

***HYMN** "LORD'S PRAYER" (Music Provided)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH No. 12

**GOSPEL

MATTHEW 6:1-21

PEW BIBLE NO. 1145

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

P: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON

"GOD WANTS OUR BROKEN HEARTS"

Special Music

"Once Upon a Tree"

arr. by Pepper Chaplin

Soloist: Lynn Whitney

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Thanksgiving over the Ashes Imposition of Ashes (if you are able, please come forward and receive ashes that will be placed on your forehead, in the form of a cross).

CONFESSIONS AND ABSOLUTION

C Lord, I do not like pain. I do not even like to be uncomfortable. I do not like the sorrow of heartbreak, the pangs of regret and the ache of broken relationships; and I do not like the honesty and humility that are needed to face this pain. Forgive me for the brokenness that I have caused. Forgive me for the brokenness that lies at the center of my heart. Make me whole again.

L God knows your reality. He knows that you are not what you were created to be. He knows that you are broken. But he does not abandon you to brokenness and pain. Instead, he has taken your brokenness and pain and made it his own. In the life, death, and resurrection of Christ you are forgiven, you are made whole. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Passing the Peace: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

****Closing Hymn** “Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days” UMH No. 269

****BENEDICTION**

God the Father knew the brokenness of the world and sent his Son to restore it to his plan. In the power of his Holy Spirit he makes all things whole. He makes your heart whole. Go in his peace. Amen.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “JESUS KEEP ME” (REFRAIN) UMH NO. 301

PLEASE LEAVE THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2016

Calendar of Events

Sun., Feb. 14th	10:30	Choir sings @ V Cookies & Coffee @ V (Hospitality 1)
Mon., Feb. 15th		President's Day
Tues., Feb. 16th	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee @ V
	7:00 p.m.	Council @ V
Wed., Feb. 17th	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study @ V
	3:30 p.m.	LEAP
	6:00 p.m.	VUMC Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service @ Immanuel Lutheran