

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
5:30 p.m., February 21, 2007

MINISTERS All
Members
PREACHER Rev. Joseph Stiles
READER Bill
Blackburn
MUSICIAN Rebekah
Harp

GREETING Rev. Stiles
*OPENING PRAYER #268 (IN UNISON)

*HYMN #269 *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*
*ACT OF CONFESSION #785 *“Psalm 51: 1-17”* Bill Blackburn

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
(Pew Bible #1414) *Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17a* Bill Blackburn

THE GOSPEL LESSON
(Pew Bible #1503) *Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-21* Bill Blackburn

ANTHEM *“Ashes”* Sanctuary

Choir
SERVICE OF PRAYER *Prayer Concerns*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #354 *“I Surrender All”*

MEDITATION Rev. Stiles

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father Almighty. Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful
People cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that fervent in prayer and works of mercy and renewed by your word and sacraments, we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore, we join the whole of your family in heaven and on earth, forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus Christ, your only son, to redeem the world to live and to die as one of us, but without sin, to reconcile us to you and to one another. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and there offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is by blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 glory forever. AMEN.

BREAKING THE BREAD, SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES (Remember your baptism and repent.)

***THE PEACE** (The Peace is an act of reconciliation and blessing based on New Testament, Christian practice.)

***HYMN #378** *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”*

BENEDICTION (Congregation clasp the hand of the person on either side of you.)