

GATHERING MUSIC Carol Kirchmer

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINES

SCRIPTURE Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (NRSV)

HYMN 355 Red Hymnal
“Depth of Mercy”
 Verses 1, 2, and 3

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (NRSV)

MESSAGE Pastor Ron Kite
“Creating a Sanctuary”

HYMN 2164 Black Hymnal
“Sanctuary”
 Sing Twice

CONFESSION *Psalm 51* 785 Red Hymnal

PARDON

HYMN 2138 Black Hymnal
“Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes”

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES
You may choose whether to participate in the imposition of ashes.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

HYMN 382 Red Hymnal
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Ron Kite
The tradition for Ash Wednesday services is that we leave in reflective silence. Feel free to continue in prayer following the service as long as you wish.

DEPARTING MUSIC Carol Kirchmer

Salem at Worship

Ash

wednesday

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and the forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditation on God's Holy Word.



February 14, 2018
6:30 PM

9:00 am Sunday School
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10:00 am Worship Service
 (316) 283-3620
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If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our church family by talking with Pastor Ron at the church office, 283-3620.