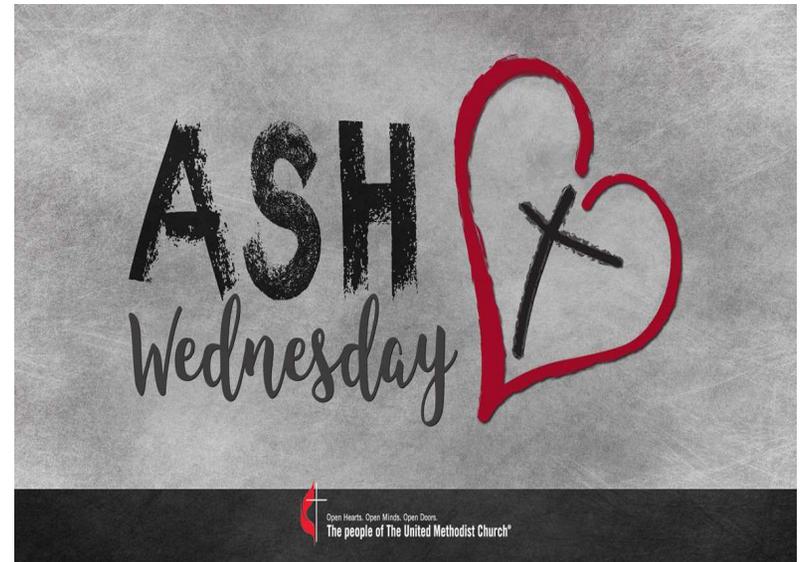


Salem at Worship

Ash
wednesday



February 17, 2021

7:00 PM

9:00 am Sunday School

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10:00 am Worship Service

(316) 283-3620

115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114

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.



GATHERING MUSIC

Bob Wambold

“A Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless”

Nikolaus Decius

INVITATION TO OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

2 Chronicles 7:14 NRSV

Pastor Ron Kite

14 If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

PRAYER

Unison

O God, maker of everything and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

Verses 1,3, & 4

348 Red Hymnal

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

WL Thompson 1880

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-9a; 13-14 NRSV

HYMN

Verses 1 & 2

395 Red Hymnal

“Take Time to Be Holy”

w: WD Longstaff 1882 m: GC Stebbins 1890

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:1-16 NRSV

MESSAGE

Pastor Ron Kite

“Written in Stone”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Ron Kite

Litany of Penitence (see insert)

HYMN

Verses 1, 2, & 3

121 Red Hymnal

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

w: FW Faber 1854 m: LS Tourjee 1877

THANKSGIVING OVER ASHES

Pastor Ron Kite

Almighty God, you formed us out of the dust of the earth and breathed into us the breath of life. Grant that these ashes may be to us a symbol of our mortality, of our failures, and of the places in our lives where we are wounded, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift and the sacrifice of your Son can healing and wholeness take place. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Pastor Ron Kite

Ashes are a sign of repentance, humility and frailty. They remind us of our total dependence on God. Before you approach to receive the sign of the cross with ashes, reflect on the meaning of this action:

Do you accept responsibility for your personal sins?

Do you accept responsibility for that evil in the world which your apathy and indifference have allowed?

Do you desire to return to the Lord with your whole heart, and to seek his forgiveness and strength?

Do you believe that, to be a follower of Jesus, you must deny yourself and take up your cross?

Do you believe it is foolish to work for great achievements or success if you destroy your soul in the process?

Do you believe in the mercy of God, which is constant and more vast than all the evil in the world?

Take now these ashes, and return to the Lord with your whole heart.

(Please come forward if you would like to receive the ashes. The sign of the cross will be placed on your forehead unless you prefer it placed on your hand.)

CLOSING HYMN

Verses 1, 3, & 4

354 Red Hymnal

“I Surrender All”

w: JW Van Deventer 1896 m: WS Weeden 1896

BLESSING

Pastor Ron Kite

Psalm 51:10-12, 17 NRSV

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

11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

DEPARTING MUSIC

Bob Wambold

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

w:J Montgomery 1820 m: R Redhead 1853