

Worship Notes:

If you would like to leave a love offering, baskets are in the back as you leave.
Tonight's offering will benefit "United Methodist Committee on Relief".

Participating in the Ash Wednesday service are:

Greeter:

Liturgist:

Organist: Joyce Mentzer

Pastor: Jim Penuel, Rev. Earle Baker

Usher:

First Towne Ringers: Janice Blain, Terri Brown, Denise Burke, Becky Good,
Cheng Hudson, Kathy Shook, Edie Sipos, Sue Sprague, Beverly Thompson,
Mary Lou Warren



Bethel United Methodist Church

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Prelude: "Lenten Fantasia" presented by The First Towne Ringers

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

*Opening Hymn: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402

Unison Prayer: (From UMH 353)

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.

Prayer for our Community and Nation

*Gospel Lesson: Mathew 6:1-6, 16-21

*Hymn: "Seek Ye First" #405

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 4:17-24

Sermon: "Uncomfortably Numb" Pastor Jim Penuel

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The Lord's Prayer (sung): **Our Father, which 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 the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Disciplines

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Imposition of the Ashes & Holy Communion

"At the Table of the Lord" presented by The First Towne Ringers

Confession: Psalm 51:10-17 (UMH 786)

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

**People: Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

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

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

Leader: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

People: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

Leader: For you have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering,
you would not be pleased.

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

Pardon

*Hymn of Departing: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #420

Benediction

Postlude

(all are invited to leave in silence as the postlude is played)