


Welcome to The United Methodist Church of Berea!

As followers of Jesus Christ, who reveals a God whose love knows no boundaries, we are committed to welcoming and affirming every person as a beloved child of God. Every person—of every sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, economic status, health, ability, or any other identifying label—is welcome to participate fully in our ministries and life together as church. We hope The United Methodist Church of Berea will become a home for you, your family, and your friends as together, in our relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation, **we make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**



February 22, 2023 + 7 pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, self-examination, and preparation for the Festival of Easter and for living as Easter people. The imposition of ashes is an ancient sign of repentance—a desire to turn and to change—and serves as a reminder of our mortality. In Genesis 3.19, God says to the first human, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” As we are marked with ashes on our foreheads in the same way that we are marked with the cross at our baptism, we are reminded again that in life, in death, and in life beyond death, we belong to God.

Ash Wednesday

We Gather as God’s Children

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

J. S. Bach, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Call to Worship

Invitation to Lenten Discipline

+ Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

+ Prayer of Confession

+ Hymn

Change My Heart, O God

TFWS 2152

We Grow in God’s Word

First Lesson—Isaiah 58.1-12 (CEB)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Silent Reflection

Second Lesson—Matthew 6.1-21 (NRSV)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Silent Reflection

Meditation

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes and Imposition of Ashes

Hymn

Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes

TFWS 2138

Assurance of Forgiveness and Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition and the words, "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will please respond together, "Hear our prayer."

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo

Fighting My Battles

Elizabeth Philpot

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Organ Music

Beautiful Savior

arr. Valerie A. Floeter

Prayer following Communion

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Abide with Me

UMH 700

+ Benediction

Postlude

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Mary McDonald

***Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.***

Join us in worship, this week and every week:

Sunday at 9AM in-person in the Sanctuary and online (www.facebook.com/umcberea/live)

Sunday at 11AM in-person in Wesley Hall

Monday—Friday at 9AM (Morning Prayer) via Zoom
(1-888-788-0099, meeting id: 518 014 483; passcode: 170)