

*Mt. Zion UMC  
Ash Wednesday  
March 5, 2025*



*Ashes to Ashes  
Dust to Dust*

Prelude/Greeting

**Opening Hymn – TFWS 2138**

**Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes**

**Opening Prayer: Father, on this sacred day of reflection and renewal, we come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging our need for Your mercy. As we receive the ashes, remind us that we are dust, yet deeply loved and redeemed by Your grace. May this season of Lent draw us closer to You, refining our hearts, strengthening our faith, and renewing our spirits. Come, Holy Spirit, and move among us. Let this time of worship be a holy offering, pleasing in Your sight. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Special Music – Purify My Heart – The Faithful Few

**Hymn of Preparation – UMH 269**

**Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

Pre-Message Video

Message – *“Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust”*

Pastor Shawn

Consecration of the Bread and Wine

Thanksgiving over the ashes (Pastor)

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**You are invited to partake of Holy Communion and then to receive ashes.**

*After all have communed, please use the small paper attached to your worship sheet to write what you would like God to help you with during the season of Lent. At the conclusion of the service, you are invited to join together on the front lawn for a symbolic burning asking God to cleanse us and put within us a new and right spirit.*

**Closing Hymn – UMH 2152**

**Change My Heart, O God**

**Please proceed to the front lawn of the church.**

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**