



ASH
WEDNESDAY

*May your Ash Wednesday be a time of
reflection and promise.*

*Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Virtual Service*

With the CHIMING OF THE HOUR, Our Worship Service Begins

PRELUDE *Beach Spring* UMH 2128
(Come and Find the Quiet Center)

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

AND also with you.

Praise God who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER UMH No. 353

HYMN Would I Have Answered When You Called TFWS 2137

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Words of centering – silent reflection

RESPONSE Lord, Have Mercy UMH No. 482
(Kyrie eleison)

PSALM Psalm 51:1-17 UMH Page 785

PROPHET Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

MEDITATION

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

HYMN Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes FWS No. 2138

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

At each moment of silence, we confess those particular wrongs

Leader: Holy God, we humbly acknowledge the wrongs we have done, as well as our failure to do the acts of love and mercy you call us to do.....We have bent the truth to serve our own purposes.....We have been slow to apologize and swift to condemn....We have refused to make allowances for others while demanding others make allowances for us.....We have coveted things we do not need....We have spoken more than we have listened, and been carried away by our own self-importance....We have been slow to serve, but quick to demand service of others....We arrogantly imagine we can manage the lives of other people when we have not yet learned to manage our own with righteousness....For Jesus' sake, forgive us these sins, as well as these other wrongs we name in silence....During this Lenten Season, **help us follow Jesus in all our thoughts, words and deeds. Amen**