



First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday



Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.

*Children will remain in worship tonight and there will be an activity for them in their seats.
A nursery for children aged 5 and under is on the lower level.*

Prelude *O mensch bewein dein Sünde groß (O man, bewail thou sin so great)* J. S. Bach
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Greeting and Welcome Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

*** Call to Worship** Tom Wiig

One: We gather for worship as we begin the journey of Lent.

All: The poor and the rich, the strong and the faint, celebrating and sorrowing, all of us together.

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All: We come to be empowered and inspired for the path in front of us.

One: We gather for worship as we begin the journey of Lent.

All: May God fill us with joy, redeem us from sin, and inspire us with hope. We gather for worship as together we begin the journey of Lent.

*** Hymn** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* UM Hymnal #269

Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Lighting the Seven Lights of Our Lenten Journey Confirmation Class

We light seven candles to guide us in our Lenten journey, reminding us that we do not journey in darkness, but have light to guide our way.

- **The light of the CROSS** represents the power and paradox of the Gospel: a way of death becomes the way to life.
- **The light of SCRIPTURE** lights our way, proclaiming the message of our faith.
- **The light of SILENCE** reminds us of God's presence in the absence of noise.
- **The light of PRAYER** guides us as we rise each morning and retire each night.
- **The light of the SACRAMENTS** of communion and baptism reminds us of God's unconditional love and divine hospitality.
- **The light of SACRIFICE** is willingly placing ourselves in God's hand as we focus on the ways of Jesus and provide for the needs of others.
- **The light of LOVE** lights our path showing us the way to go. Love brings light in the midst of darkness. Love ushers in the gift of abundant, eternal life.

One: As we turn toward God, God welcomes us with amazing grace. Let us pray:
All: **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.**

For those worshipping online, please create your own way to be marked with the cross.

* Hymn *Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes* The Faith We Sing #2138

Commission and Blessing

One: The voice of God, which conflicts and consoles, sends us back into our everyday world.

All: **We scatter with God's word in our hearts and the assurance of God's power sustaining us.**

One: Take with you the light of God's revelation and the knowledge of God's glory in the cross of Christ.

All: **We seek to attune our spirits to our Creator, that the light may shine for others through us.**

One: Live boldly in this Lenten season and live in the Light of the Cross. Amen

Postlude *Jesus, Lead Thou On* Paul Manz
Velda Graham Bell, organ

** please stand as you are comfortable*

A devotional booklet for each day of the Lenten season (Ash Wednesday to Easter) is available at church. You may also receive it online; email the church office (info@fumcduluth.com) to ask for it.

***Lenten Book Study:** All are welcome at this year's Lenten book study on six consecutive Monday evenings from 6-7pm, beginning March 10 and concluding April 14, on Zoom. We will join United Methodists across the Minnesota and Dakotas Conferences as we take a deep dive into "The Third Day: Living the Resurrection" by Bishop Tom Berlin. Class will be facilitated by Dr. Maryjane Burdge and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch. Pastor Jeanine will join if her schedule allows. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office (218-727-5021) to register. Books are available for purchase for \$13 in the church office. The book describes how the resurrection of Jesus Christ profoundly changed the lives of those who followed him and how it can transform ours as well.*

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