

On Our Way to the Cross

Following Where Jesus Leads

Lenten Worship Services 2018

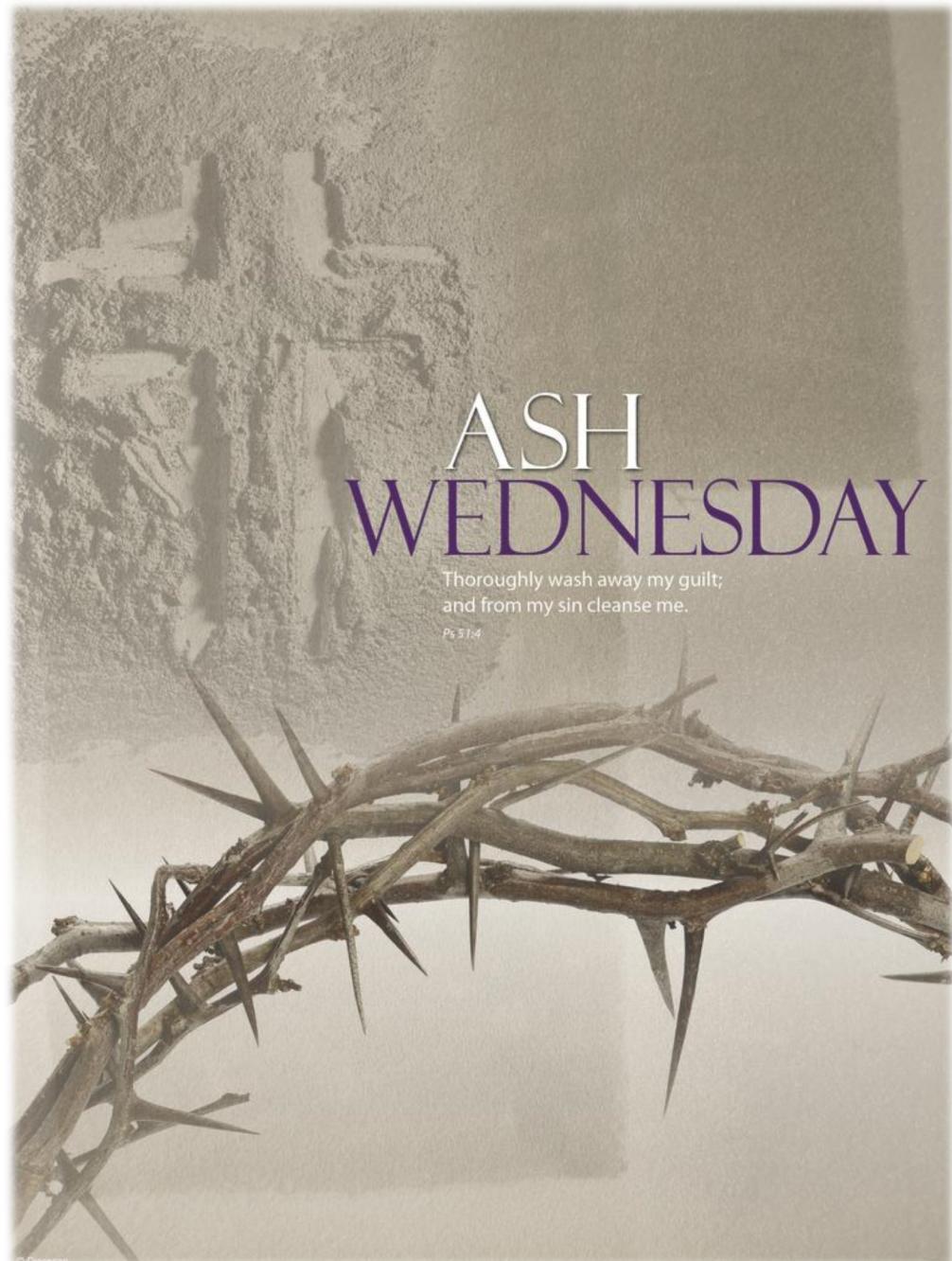
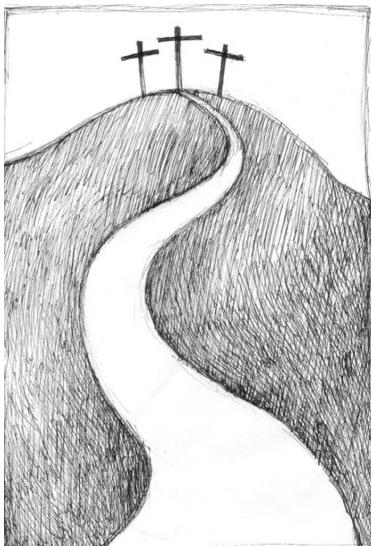
<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Preacher (s)</i>
Feb. 18 th	Coburn UMC <i>3618 Maple Ave.</i>	Bishop Gregory V. Palmer <i>West Ohio Area UMC</i>
Feb. 25 th	Grace UMC <i>516 Shinnick St.</i>	Rev. Joy Wigal (First / Faith) Rev. Emory Clark (New Hope, Logan)
Mar. 4 th	Central Trinity UMC <i>62 S. 7th Street</i>	Rev. Dr. Dennis Miller <i>Superintendent, Foothills District</i>
Mar. 11 th	First UMC <i>857 Putnam Ave.</i>	Rev. John Alice <i>Rolling Plains UMC</i>
Mar. 18 th	Faith UMC <i>1616 Blue Ave.</i>	Rev. Justin Williams (Coburn) Rev. Steve Judson (Central Trinity)
Mar. 25 th	Rolling Plains UMC	Easter Cantata <i>3350 Moxahala Park Road</i>

We hope you enjoy this year's messages given by a combination of special guest speakers and area pastors. Some weeks will include dialogue style sermons. What will you encounter on your way to the cross?

All services begin at 6:00pm
with a time of fellowship to follow.

Offerings will be directed to support
TheLifeWell Community Center.

You are also invited to bring socks and gloves/mittens to donate for
TheLifeWell Free Store and Shelter at First UMC, Zanesville.



Ash Wednesday Worship Schedule

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship (Standing)

We stand before a very holy God who calls us into a life of holiness.

But we are unholy. Even our religious ceremonies do not cleanse us of our sins.

God wants us to be truly penitent in our hearts, more than he wants our religious ceremonies. Then he will cleanse us of our sins.

May our worship be an honest expression of repentance and returning to God.

Hymn "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" UMH 357

Prayer of Confession (Please be seated)

We are religious people, Father, otherwise we would not be here on this special day. But much of our religion is expressed in ritual rather than in righteousness. Forgive us for our sinfulness, and for our pious ways of ignoring our sins. Keep our hearts in tune with you, that we may always be in the spirit of true repentance. Holy Father, who is grieved by our sinfulness, and yet still offers forgiveness to the penitent: Hear the cries of our hearts as we repent of our sins, that your forgiveness may restore us in fellowship with you. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Leader only)

Jesus spoke words that, no matter how many times we hear them, have more meaning than we can fully grasp: This is my body broken for you and my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Let us receive all that Christ offers to us and be thankful. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Choir Anthem

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Hymn "Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes (insert)"

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Message

Rev. Justin Williams

Imposition of Ashes and Holy communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanks

Since, dear God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Hymn "Take Time to be Holy"

UMH 395

Benediction

Children of God, you are loved. You are called, you are chosen and you are redeemed. Though you have done nothing to earn it, you have been given free and unconditional mercy. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you and change you as you draw nearer to Christ and the cross this Lenten season. Go now and live in the truth of the gospel. **Amen.**

Communion Servers:

Sally Cover & Rev. Webster Cox

Rev. Joy Wigal & Debra Hogue

Communion Celebrants & Imposition of Ashes:

Rev. Jessica Stonecypher & Rev. Mark Chow