



Ash Wednesday

“Shattered”



February 21, 2021, 9:30 am

In-Person & Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Threshold

The shattering of glass is heard...

**Vessels, holy and whole
Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul
Healer, come.**

Leader: Ash Wednesday is a time of naming brokenness. As we enter the season of Lent, we commit to enter also into a season of healing and recovery that requires the naming of what has been shattered as a first step. We take “the yoke” of responsibility as disciples of Jesus to be the Body of Christ—a body of those who need healing and offer healing in the world. The promise of Jesus is that he is with us in our weariness and burdens.

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: We will be living with stories of Jesus’ healing in the Gospel of Matthew in this Lent season. We will see how Jesus encouraged people to open up about their lives as part of the healing process—no matter how broken. Ash Wednesday developed as a doorway to speaking the truth of our lives, a time to lay the brokenness of life before God. Let us pray:

**Merciful God,
we have lived a year of Lent.
In the midst of it all we have seen love shine through at
times
but as we look back in this moment,
it feels like a year of shattered dreams and shattered
peace.**

**We are discouraged. Even though so much feels out of our control,
we also see the ways our own faults and failures
to love each other fully, to care for the least, to honor
your creation,
to stand for what is right and good, have contributed to
the shattering.**

**And so we come to you in pieces.
Fragments, broken shells of our past selves.
As we walk along the shores of Uncertainty and Pain,
we ask that you meet us here.**

**Help us, Healer.
Show us our strength.
Forgive our inertia.
Move us to move
one step at a time toward greater care.**

Leader: In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our
yearning for wholeness.

Silence

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Assurance

Opening Hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" vv. 1&4 UMH 479

Peace

Musical Proclamation "God Weeps" (Video)

An Ancient Word Matthew 11: 28-30
Song of Preparation "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole" (refrain)

**In your love, make us whole.
May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul
in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts.
May we know the love of Jesus.**

**By your grace, you console.
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Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer]

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Devotion EARTH - FIRE - AIR - WATER

HOLY COMMUNION

Closing Song "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" UMH 129

Blessing

Now go with confidence that,
though shattered, we are held.
Begin the journey of recovering your depth of love for all
and your joy of living in this world.

May the words of Jesus ring in your ears:
"I will give you rest."

And may the Spirit hover, move, and deliver
salve to your soul
and a spring in your step.

Amen.

Threshold Into the World [reprise of theme song]

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Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITHFUL and INCLUSIVE

New Class begins - March 10 to April 7 Wednesdays 10:30 - Noon

The aim of this class:

- To understand better what the Bible says regarding non-heterosexual practices, and why it says it, and
- To consider how Christians committed to upholding biblical authority can take a non-literal approach to these passages.

We will meet via Zoom. You will receive a Zoom invite after you sign up and closer to the meeting date. There is no cost. Call 844-1818 to reserve your place, or sign up on St. Mark's Facebook Page Events.

UPPER ROOMS: The March/April Upper Rooms are now available. They are in a box by the kitchen door and also on the Narthex Welcome center.

PASTOR JOE'S UPWORDS: Pastor Joe is now doing his words of inspiration and just being in touch with everyone on a weekly basis, **every Wednesday around 1:30 to 2 pm on Facebook.** If you can't watch at that time, you can always watch any other time afterwards on St. Mark's Facebook page.

BLOOD DRIVE:

Wednesday, March 17th from 3:30 to 7:30 pm.

You may now sign up on St. Mark's Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Theodor at 748-1085.

BROKEN BUS MINISTRY: St. Mark's has reserved **April 10th** to serve on the bus. Those that volunteer must be from the same household and masks and other safety procedures will be in place. If you are interested in either riding or providing the meal, or if you have questions, please contact Julie at 505-4061.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers may be in memory, honor of someone or just because. Price is \$14.50 for each bouquet.

Please call the church office for your request by Wednesday. You may take your flowers home after the service, or let the office know if you need to come another time.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Available in Fellowship Hall. You may get them on Sunday morning or any morning Monday—Thursday from 9 to Noon. If these times do not work out for you, please call the church office to arrange a time for you to get your envelopes.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Debbie Flannery's Sister-in-law, Karen, who fell this morning and is being admitted into the hospital for a broken shoulder.

Prayers for a dear friend diagnosed with Lymphoma. Sue Rumley asks prayers for Kristy as she is having surgery tomorrow.

Marty's sister, Danielle, is in Jewish hospital after having two strokes.

Prayers for the Bob Grammel family as they mourn the loss of Bob.

Praises for a successful Kidney transplant for Diane Noonan. Both patients are home and doing well.

New and update from Sunday

Danielle, Marty's sister passed away.

Diana Griffith stage 4 Liver cancer.

Don Jackson passed away February 14th.

Continuing Prayers

*(Help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office .)
(b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com / 844-1818) with any updates.)*

All service Men & Women	Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Byron Jones
Our Country	Jean Stivers	Merianne Cardas
First Responders	Mitch Thomas	Dick Brewer
United Methodist Church	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	All shut-ins and Homebound

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Eleanor McCollum
Bob Miracle	Paul Schutte —Jamestown
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Greg Pullem
Bob Netherland in Hospice Care	Sue Webster

Joys / Concerns *(listed in the order received, and kept for four weeks unless requested to remain on our "Continuing Prayers" list.)*

Neil Hume family 1/24	Dewilda and family 1/31
Hartsman family 1/24	Young family struggling 1/31
Carson family 1/24	Tomie O'Sullivan 1/31
Jim & Martin Ruhl 1/24	Family of Mary Ann Dove 1/31
Jenni's daughter, Morgan 1/24	Jim Hughes 1/31
Unspoken request 1/24	Diana Nooman 2/7
Family of Miranda Perry 1/24	Donor, Jill 2/7
Charlotte's Mom 1/24	Family of Paul Stanberry 2/7
Donna's brother, Ray Rettinger 1/24	Miracle Family 2/7
Joe Goebel 1/31	Friend's nephew 2/7
Unspoken requests 1/31	Sister-in-law, Kelly 2/7
	Family of Bev Chaffin 2/7
	Mary Ann Dove's family 2/7

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

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