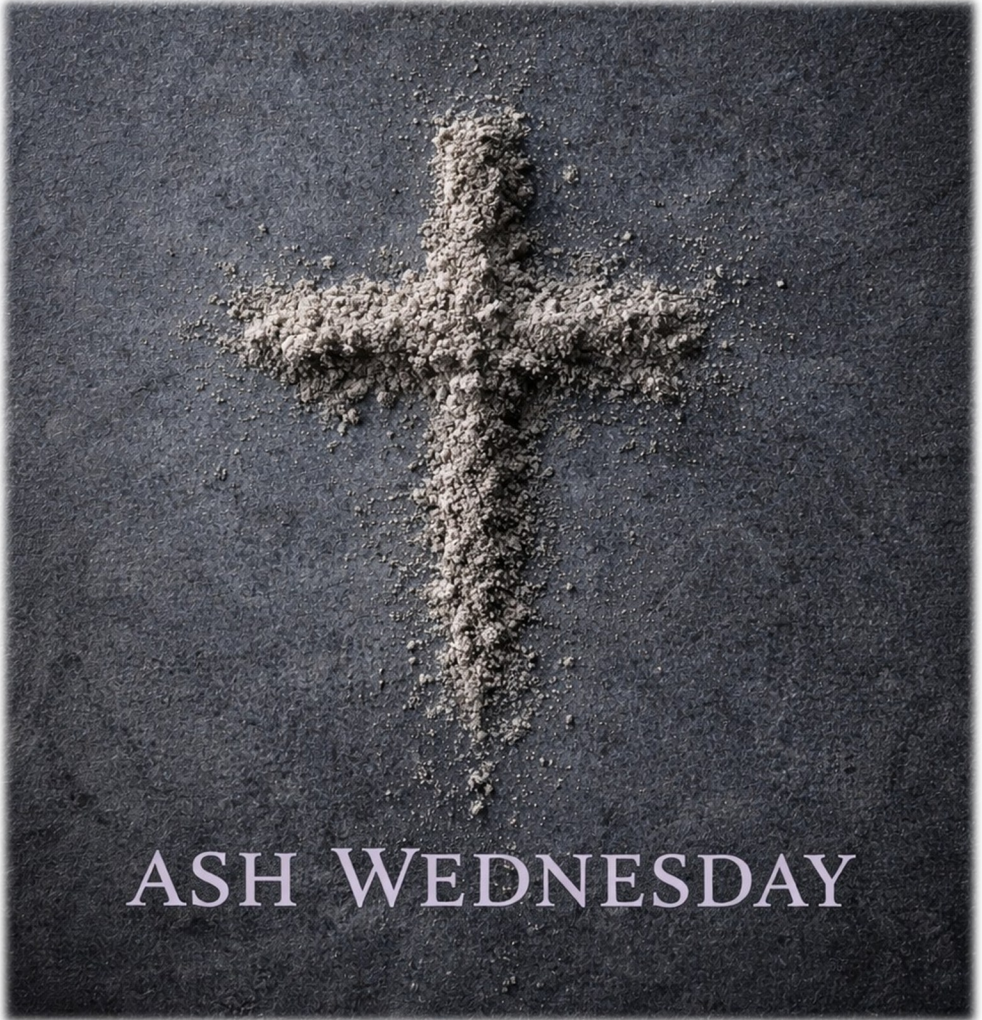




# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**February 18, 2026 at 7:00pm**



ASH WEDNESDAY

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## Welcome! We're so glad you're here!

To help us stay connected, please take a moment to complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew. Pass it along so others can do the same, and when it reaches the end, kindly return it to its place. As you do, take a moment to greet those around you!

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

WELCOME

Pastor Mark

\*OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Holy and Merciful One,  
in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love in things that cannot give us love.

**We yearn for lives that matter,  
we desire relationships that thrive,  
we want less regret.**

At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better.

In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

*Silence*

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says,  
"God has mercy according to God's steadfast love."

Let us respond together:

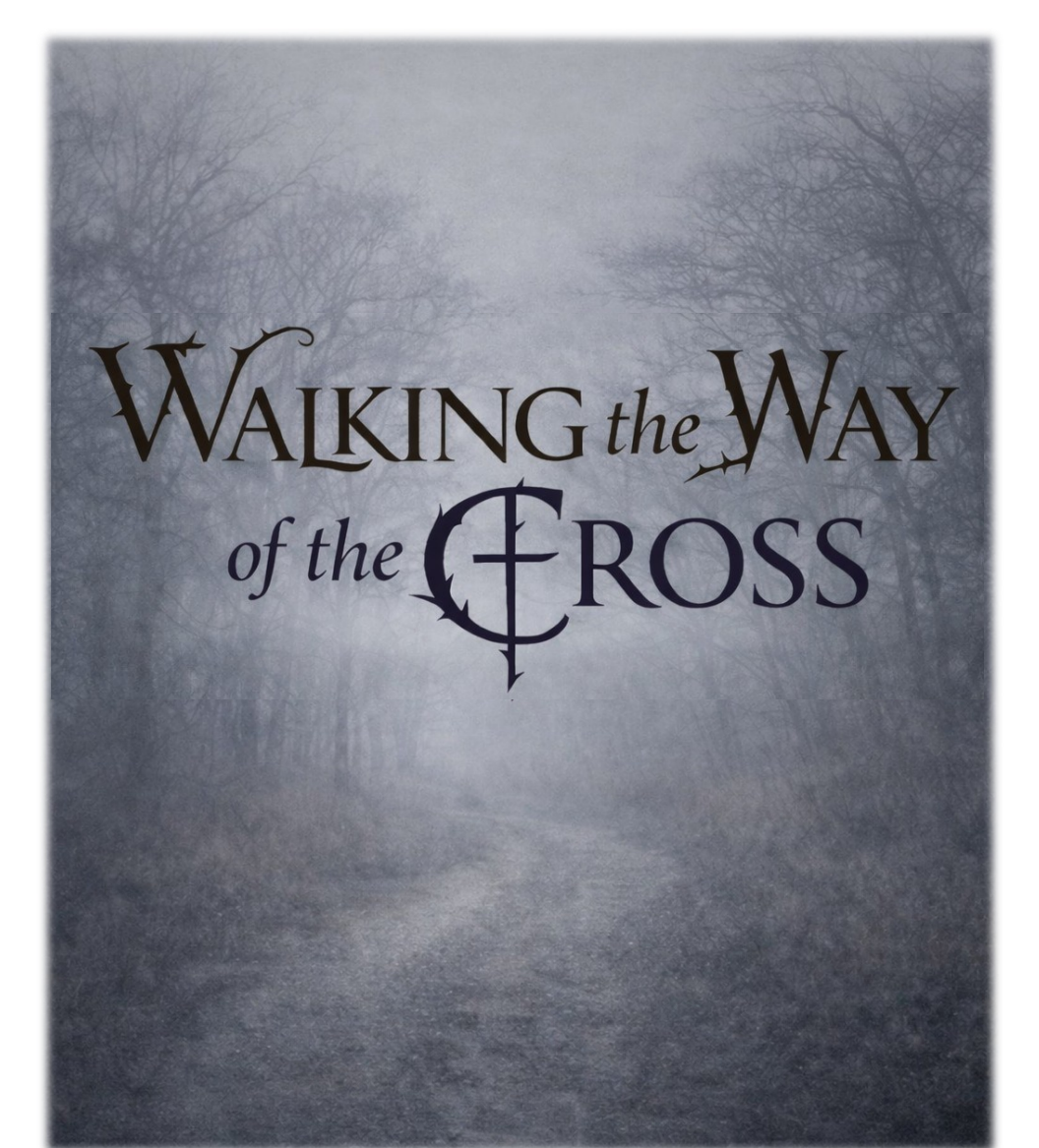
**We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision  
to the ways of love  
created by God,  
embodied in Jesus,  
and already moving in us by the Spirit.  
We are forgiven, loved, and freed!  
Amen!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**





WALKING *the* WAY  
of the CROSS

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