

# WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Thank you for attending our Ash Wednesday service and worshipping with us at Open Hearts UMC. We hope you will join us again for Sunday morning worship at 11:00 am. If you are looking to deepen your discipleship, please join us for Sunday School at 9:45 am for children and adults (nursery provided!) If you have questions about our church, please feel free to contact our Lead Pastor, Rev. Karen Jones, at [karen.jones@openheartsumcsc.org](mailto:karen.jones@openheartsumcsc.org).


**LET’S CONNECT!**

Use the QR code to find Open Hearts UMC on social media and to register for upcoming events/programs!



## SPECIAL LENTEN OFFERING

During Lent the S.H.A.R.E. Committee will present to our congregation an opportunity to contribute to a special offering focused on meeting significant needs in our community. This year’s offering will go to **Triune Mercy Center** in recognition of their long-term commitment to following Christ in offering love, compassion, and hope to those experiencing poverty.



**Triune Mercy Center**

To learn more, visit [triunemercy.org](http://triunemercy.org)



**OPEN HEARTS**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

*We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the pew pad. A children’s program is available for ages 0-8 down the hall from the Welcome Center; Children’s Worship Boxes are also available behind the organist and in the lobby to help your child worship with us.*

*(\*) Stand as you are able (UMH) United Methodist Hymnal*

**PRELUDE**

**\*OPENING HYMN** (UMH 296)

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PSALTER** (UMH 785)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** (OT 846-847)

**\*HYMN** (UMH 402)

**ANTHEM**

**\*GOSPEL READING** (NT 5-6)

Prelude in E minor, Op. 28, no. 4

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

O God, maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalm 51

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Chopin

(French carol/Fortunatus/trans. Dearmer)

"the congregation will join the choir in singing Musical Response #1"

(spiritual/arr. WF Smith)

(Mason/Watts/Arr. Pethel)

*The Word of God for the People of God*

**Thanks be to God.**

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Rev. Jones

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: the early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word. To make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now bow before our Creator and Redeemer.*

*(A brief silence is kept.)*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

**Pastor:** 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.

**People: Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION AND PARDON (UMH 891)

**People:** Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the device and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

**Pastor:** If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 121)

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

(Faber/Tourjee/arr. Webb)

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jones

POSTLUDE

Invention No. 7 in E minor BWV 778

J.S. Bach

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP	
The color <b>PURPLE</b> is used during Lent to symbolize penance and sacrifice.	
Greeters	Jane Johnson, Tanya Pearson, Jan Paige, Bill Adkins, Jr., David Atkinson
Ushers	Miles Loretta
A/V	Randy Clack, Karl & Margie Schnelle
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Liturgist	Julia Turlington
Nursery	Meredith Robinson

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