



Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
First United Methodist Church
Tenth Street United Methodist Church

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

6:30 P.M.

March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

March 2, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us this evening. We are glad you are here.
(* Stand, if able.)

GATHER IN ANTICIPATION & PRAISE OF GOD

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Forty Days and a Forty Nights” Charles Callahan

WELCOME Rev. Travis Summerlin, Ph.D.

***GREETINGS** (Please respond in bold.) Rev. Sela Finau

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God’s mercy endures forever.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Sela Finau

God of salvation’s joy, we gather to celebrate and revere you.

We come, realizing that we are broken. Forgive and re-create us.

God of unfailing love, we gather to worship and honor you.

We come, and because of your compassion, forgive and renew us.

God of new beginnings, we gather to praise and thank you.

**We come, and through your grace and mercy, forgive and restore us,
so that with clean hearts we may truly worship you. Amen.**

***OPENING PRAYER** (in unison) Rev. Sela Finau

Righteous God, in humility and repentance we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving, we bring the pain we have caused others, we bring the injustice in society of which we are a part, to the transforming power of your grace. Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer and to turn again toward the sunrise of your reign, that we may walk with you in the promise of peace you have willed for all the children of the earth, and have made known to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN** “I Surrender All” UMH #354

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Rev. Bunnie Stark

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray saying:

Our Father, who is 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:29-30; 16:26

Rev. Bunnie Stark

MEDITATION

Rev. Travis Summerlin, Ph.D.

“Give Up Something Bad For Lent”

***HYMN**

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

UMH # 357

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Rev. Sela Finau

(Brief Silence)

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Rev. Bunnie Stark

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.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES *(You are invited to come forward and kneel at the communion rails to receive your ashes and then return to your seats and be in silent prayer.)*

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

CONFESSIONS AND PARDON

Rev. Bunnie Stark

(All offer prayers of confession in silence.)

May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept your repentance, forgive your sins, and restore you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Sela Finau

Hear the Good News. The Lord, our God, is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love God hears the earnest cries of the repentant and forgives our sins.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“It’s Me, It’s Me Oh Lord”

UMH #352

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Rev. Sela Finau

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Travis Summerlin, Ph.D., Pastor Tenth Street United Methodist Church
Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor First United Methodist Church
Rev. Bunnie Stark, Pastor Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Debby Vester, Organist & Music Director, FUMC Taylor

Ash Wednesday Worship
Tenth Street United Methodist Church
410 W. 10th Street, Taylor, Texas 76574

Join us for Maundy Thursday Worship
Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
At First United Methodist Church
907 W. Lake Drive, Taylor, Texas 76574

And

Good Friday Worship
Friday, April 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
At Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
516 Elliot Street, Taylor, Texas 76574

PRAYER

O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.