

# Perry Hall United Methodist Church

February 18, 2026

*Ash Wednesday*

(\*\*Stand as you are able)

(Purple print indicates 7:00 pm service)

Noon (contemplative without music), 7:00 PM (with music)

**ORGAN PRELUDE** "Into The Woods My Master Went" John Duro

**\*\*OPENING HYMN** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" pg. 299 UMH

**\*\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**P: God's mercy endures forever.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, maker of everything 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 our Lord. Amen.

**ANTHEM** "Ashes" Tom Conry

**SCRIPTURE** Romans 12: 1-2 pgs. 161-162 – The New Testament

**THE MESSAGE** "Take My Life" Rev. Margery Schammel

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, we have to admit that we don't like Ash Wednesday. We would rather skip the penitence and soul searching of Lent and skip right to the joy of Easter morning. The world teaches us that mistakes are awful and should be covered up at all cost. We learn to blame others instead of owning up to what we do and the pain we inflict. Lord God, give us the strength in this time of Lent to ask for forgiveness for the hurt we cause and the mistakes we make. Remind us that the difficulties of life form and shape us. Teach us how to turn back to you, to love our neighbor, and to reach out to those who suffer.

Loving God, we know Jesus spent forty days in the desert preparing for his ministry to the world. We ask that you use these forty days of Lent to prepare us for our mission to the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

**A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF PARDON**

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. ... in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit ... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**P: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*You are invited to come forward to have ashes, which are mixed with olive oil, placed upon you. You may have the ashes imposed on your forehead or on your hand.*

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## **GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

Noon Service: We will partake of Holy Communion by intinction. Please come to the front and receive the piece of bread which will be given to you, then dip the bread in the cup. Please partake as you stand at the table. If you choose, you may move to the railing for prayer and remain as long as you need. We will take the elements to you in your seat, if you are unable to come to the front.

7:00 PM Service: Please come to the table by the center aisle. You may partake of the bread and cup at the table or take the elements to the railing to partake there. You may remain at the railing for prayer as long as you need. Please return to your seats by the side aisles. We will serve those in their seats who are unable to come to the front. We have gluten free wafers, please just ask.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Transform us into the image and likeness of Christ, that we may faithfully serve others in his name, and look forward to the final feast in which all shall be gathered as one at your table, and all manner of things shall be well, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN** "Take my Life, and Let it Be" pg. 399 UMH

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Little - Fugue in A Minor" J.S. Bach



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