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SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH A Service of Worship for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday 7p

February 22, 2023

Prelude "Open the Eyes of My Heart"
By: Paul Baloche

Gathering and Greeting

*Call to Worship

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: 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 the 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.

*Opening Hymn "Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes"
TFWS No. 2138

Scripture Lesson Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 p. 839

Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:20b –6:10 p. 1068

*Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH No. 175

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:1 –6, 16–21 p. 893-4

Evening Meditation Pastor Jane Piehl

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline
Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Time of Prayer

*Nailing our sin to the cross

*Imposition of Ashes

Confession and Pardon

Psalm 51 (with musical response)

UMH No. 785

Offering

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

UMH No. 269

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

Arr. By: Cindy Berry

The people may depart in silence.

*Indicates congregation to stand.

Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor
Music Director

Lent Study, *Jesus, Understanding His Death and Resurrection*
every Tuesday from Feb. 28-April 11 (skip April 4) at 7pm in
the Conference Room.

Join us for Lent Services:

April 2	10:30a	Palm Sunday
April 6	7p	Holy Thursday Service
April 7	7p	Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday April 9

Sunrise Service 7a Greenleaf Park
1674 S Medina Line Rd, Sharon Center, OH 44274

Celebration Breakfast 9a Fellowship Hall
Sharon Center United Methodist Church

Easter Service 10:30a Sharon Center UMC
Sharon Center United Methodist Church