

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn

"I Surrender All"

UMH #354

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-17)

Silence for Personal Confession

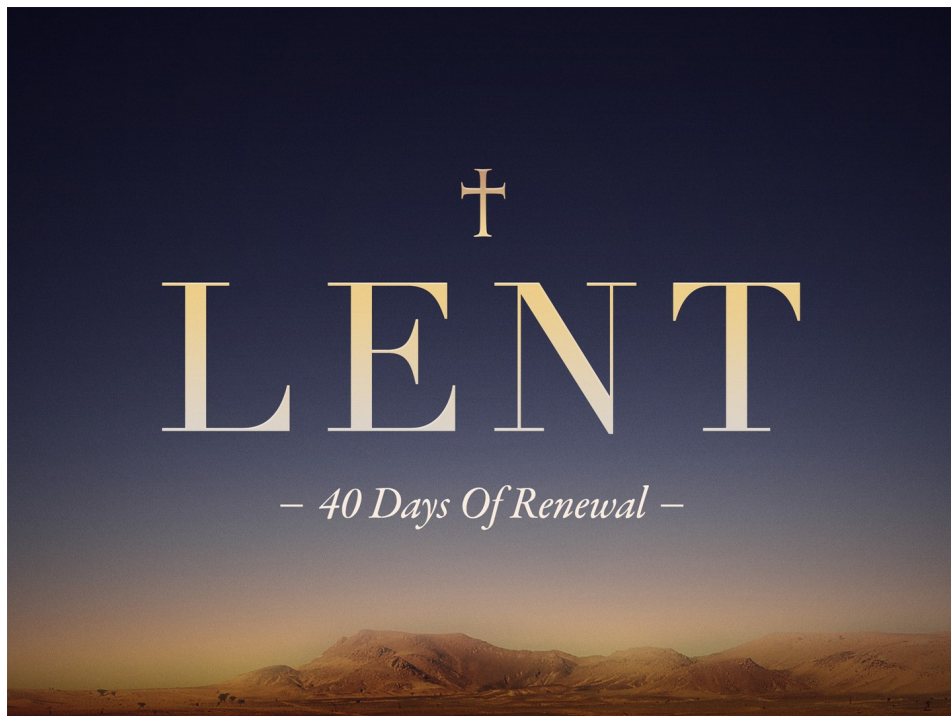
Closing Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH#384

Offering Prayer (Unison)

O Lord, to you who has given to us all things, and held nothing back that is good and wholesome, we give to you these gifts with the prayer that you will bless them and use them to lift up the fallen and to give hope to those who struggle. Amen.

Dismissal With Blessing

God created us out of the dust of the earth and breathed life into us. Go out this day, aware of your mortality, to live by faith rather than fear. Repent, and know that you are forgiven. Go in peace. Amen.



Minden United Methodist Church
February 17, 2021
7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

L: God of goodness, God of grace,

P: bless us with your presence.

L: God of hope, God of love,

P: bless us with your mercy.

L: God of the present, God of the future,

P: bless us with a vision to see your will.

L: God of truth, God of justice,

P: grant us a discipline to follow your way.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

O God, who created us for good and who continues to call us to salvation: Grant that during this season of Lent, we maybe truly aware of our mortality and our need to be changed more fully into your image. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Take Time to Be Holy” UMH#395

Scripture Joel 2:1-2 & 12-17 (NIV) Kay Lyn McBride

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

 sound the alarm on my holy hill.

Let all who live in the land tremble,

 for the day of the Lord is coming.

It is close at hand—

 a day of darkness and gloom,

 a day of clouds and blackness.

Like dawn spreading across the mountains

 a large and mighty army comes,

such as never was in ancient times

 nor ever will be in ages to come.

“Even now,” declares the Lord,
 “return to me with all your heart,
 with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

Rend your heart

 and not your garments.

Return to the Lord your God,

 for he is gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and abounding in love,

 and he relents from sending calamity.

Who knows? He may turn and relent

 and leave behind a blessing—

grain offerings and drink offerings

 for the Lord your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion,

 declare a holy fast,

 call a sacred assembly.

Gather the people,

 consecrate the assembly;

bring together the elders,

 gather the children,

 those nursing at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room

 and the bride her chamber.

Let the priests, who minister before the Lord,

 weep between the portico and the altar.

Let them say, “Spare your people, Lord.

 Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn,

 a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,

 “Where is their God?”

Message “True Repentance” Pastor Peter Choi

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Silent Prayer

Thanksgiving over the Ashes