

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn "I Surrender All" UMH #354
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-17)

Silence for Personal Confession

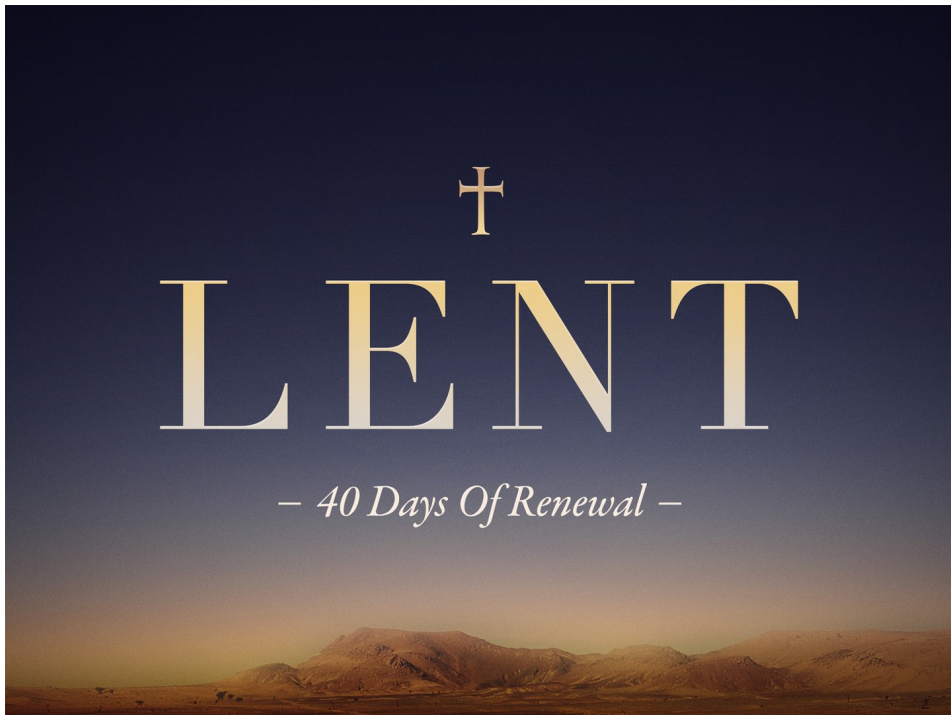
Closing Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH#384

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
March 2, 2022
7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service

Words of Welcome

Greeting!

L: Come into the light!

P: We know the darkness better. The Light frightens us.

L: Come into the presence of Love.

P: Our fears and doubts overwhelm us. We feel unable to move.

L: Come let God's love wash away your sorrow.

P: Please help us. We are filled with fear and sorrow. Bring us healing. AMEN.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Merciful God, we remember the former days, and we long for them. We have come to seek renewal. Meet us in our worship as we seek to align our lives and our community of faith with your work in the world. We desire to be shaped and transformed into the people you created us to be. Hear our prayer, O God. Revive your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH#395

Scripture Joel 2:1-2 & 12-17 (NIV) Marah Dornhoff

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 "Restoration of the Lord" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" UMH#402

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving over the Ashes