

**Mentor United Methodist Church**  
**Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021**

**PRELUDE** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* arr. Janet Linker

**GREETING**

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.**

**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 a clean heart 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.**

**HYMN # 269** *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17

**PSALM 51 (#785 with response # 1)**

**WORDS OF PARDON**

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.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *"Lamb of God"* John Reim  
Chancel Choir recording from March 6, 2019

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 6: 1 – 8, 16 - 21

**MEDITATION and INVITATION**

**TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

A Way in the Wilderness – When the Truth Hurts

**HYMN #382 (verse 1)** *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Remembrance**

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Repent, and believe the gospel.

**HYMN #382 (verse 2)** *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

**TIME OF PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Remembrance**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**HYMN #382 (verse 3)** *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

**BLESSING**

**HYMN #382 (verse 4)** *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

**POSTLUDE** *"Mercy"* Georg Philip Telemann/arr. Hal Hopson