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Pastor B.J. Ash

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

5:30 PM

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PRELUDE Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes by B.F. White

WELCOME

PSALM 51:1-17

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: People often recall the good times and seek to forget the hard times. Yet sometimes the two are so interconnected that we cannot recall the one without also recalling the other. Ash Wednesday is such a time.

P: We love the joy and the fulfilled promise of Easter when Jesus rose from the dead and returned to earth, having victory over death for all who believe. We feel sorrow and shame when we recall what transpired just prior to this resurrection: a mock trial, a brutal crucifixion, and a terrible, shameful death of an innocent man. Yet without these painful and unjust events, there would have been no Easter.

L: Today we focus on recalling the painful and immensely sorrowful events surrounding the betrayal, mock trial, and crucifixion of Jesus. We remember the sacrifice God made for us. We recall our own complicity in the reality of Good Friday and what led up to it. Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned!

P: Forgive us, O God, for we have indeed sinned. Yet remind us also that You are a forgiving God, so that we do not destroy ourselves by focusing on what we have done, forgetting what You have done in response to our sin. Remind us that You are still a loving, forgiving God, and that when You forgive. You truly forget that which has been forgiven.

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 395 Take Time To Be Holy

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** FWS 2138
Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes

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

SERMON A Clean Heart

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 430 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Christ the Cornerstone by Benton Price