

# *Ash Wednesday* February 18, 2026

Gathering *(A Time Of Silence)*

Prelude....."Beneath The Cross of Jesus"

## 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

Hymn #297....."Beneath The Cross of Jesus"

Scripture Lesson *(Joel 2:1-2, 12-17)*

## Responsive Reading *(Psalm 51:1-17)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgement.

**Behold I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;**

Make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Hymn #355....."Depth of Mercy"

Gospel Lesson *(2 Corinthian 5:20b-6:10)*

## Message The Horn Has Sounded

Invitation To The Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over The Ashes

Imposition Of Ashes

Confession And Pardon

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

## Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in Heaven,*

*Hallowed be thy name,*

*Thy kingdom come,*

*They 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.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*But deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,*

*And the power, and the glory,*

*Forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

Hymn #354....."I Surrender All"

Dismissal With Blessing

Postlude....."I Surrender All"

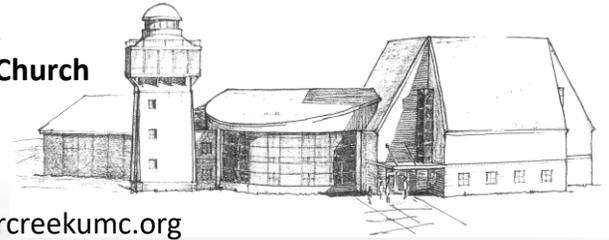
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**THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE**

**WORLD** by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. God uses the church to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread spiritual holiness, thereby changing the world.

We make disciples as we:

**PROCLAIM** the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;

**LEAD** persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;

**NURTURE** persons in Christian living through worship, and the sacraments, spiritual disciplines;

**SEND** persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, free the oppressed being and becoming compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel;

**CONTINUE** the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.