

Richardson Park United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday

PRELUDE “Christ Who Art the Light of the World” -Marcel Dupre

Welcome

***OPENING HYMN:** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” UMH 269

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, young and old. . . Sanctify yourselves before the Lord.

People: We gather to hear the word of God.

Leader: Come, and do not delay. . . Return to God.

People: We gather to be in the presence of God.

Leader: Come, cry out to God. . . . Trust in God’s mercy.

People: We gather to renew our spirits, as we acknowledge our failings before God.

OPENING PRAYER

We turn to you God of life on this first day of Lent, as we recall our own mortality. With hearts torn open by our actions, we need your guidance and healing forgiveness. Ready us to receive your mercy and grace, and cleanse us of the ash of human failing, that we may embrace the words you speak---words that lead to eternal life. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns, Naming those in need of prayer

“Let us hold these thoughts and names in our hearts as the Choir sings our Prayer Song.”

Reception of Tithes & Gifts

OFFERTORY — ORGAN VOLUNTARY

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

THE MESSAGE “The Sacrifice Acceptable To God”

Invitation To The Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over The Ashes

*Imposition of Ashes

Confession and Pardon

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE PSALM 51:1-17

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, Teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, But with our whole lives.

Turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

***CLOSING SONG:** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” UMH 402

***BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Amen”

Leader: Go in peace, remembering that you are but dust and ashes and unworthy of being called the people of God. But also remember that you who were no people, God by His [God’s] love and grace has made a people, children of [God’s] own household. Let us go forth in humility to be Christ to the world.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on *I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN*

The Congregation may depart in silence.

*Please stand as you are able at these points in service.

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Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry

The mission of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to help people experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ

And He said to them,
“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”
Mark 16:15 NRSV



ASH WEDNESDAY **WORSHIP**

FEBRUARY 26
7 P.M.

Welcome to RPUMC Worship Service

About RPUM Church

The first services were held under a large tree in 1907 at the corner of Belmont Avenue and DuPont Road.

The first church building was completed in 1908 at Glenrich Avenue and Eureka Street. The church relocated to its current location in 1926, and the present sanctuary was built in 1950. Richardson Park United Methodist Church has had a long and distinguished ministry in the community dedicated to producing fruit that is pleasing to the Lord. This tradition continues today.

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