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February 22, 2023  
Ash Wednesday

# WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

*"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"*

Powell

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter

Enter the story

Enter the place you belong

Not just looking on

For this is your story

Enter the story.

Enter

Enter the passion

Enter the place we belong

Not just looking on

For this is our passion

Enter the passion.

*"Enter the Passion"*

McFee/Bell

\* HYMN

*"Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"*

UMH 269

STEP ONE

Dust to Dust

ANTHEM

*"To Dust"*

Karen Marrolli

STEP TWO

Mixed with Forgiveness

PSALTER

UMH 51:1-1 (with sung response 1)

UMH 785

This night, let us prepare the canvas of our lives to  
train our eyes to see  
open our hearts to feel  
ready our minds to grasp  
bare our souls to know.

\* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you; **And also with you.**

\* HYMN

*“Lead Me, Lord”*

UMH 473

STEP THREE

The Canvas of Our Lives

REFLECTING UPON GOD’S WORD Preparing Our Canvas

STEP FOUR

The Artist’s Mark

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

**Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.  
Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence,  
so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift  
are we given everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\* IMPOSITION OF ASHES

\* HYMN

*“Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes”*

FWS 2138

\* STEP FIVE—SENDING FORTH

Framing Life

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *“My Song Is Love Unknown”* (FWS 2083)

arr. Krapf

If you are moved to give offering, please use the collection basket(s) as you depart this evening’s service.

**SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX**

*Masking is optional; we respect your personal health choice.*

Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director  
Slides: Kyler Brengle AV Techs: Bill Eckles, Rich Umla ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond  
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. David Highfield Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

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## LENTEN JOURNEY—CHURCHWIDE LENTEN SERIES

The New Life in Christ and Adult Discussion classes participate in our church-wide study that complements our Lenten worship series titled, “Enter the Passion of Jesus: Picturing Ourselves in the Story.” Our resource book, “The Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s guide to Holy Week,” by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish, New Testament scholar at Vanderbilt Divinity School, may be purchased for \$12 in the church lobby/narthex (just a few remain). Levine helps us dive more deeply into each moment of Jesus’ journey through Holy Week, “framing” the moments with the historical and cultural context.

## HOLY WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 2, 10:30am

Palm Sunday service, onsite and online

Thursday, April 6, 7pm

Maundy Thursday service, onsite and online

Friday, April 7, 7pm

Good Friday service, onsite and online

Sunday, April 9, 10:30am

Easter Sunday service, onsite and online



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*Our Mission at WUMC: “Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference.”*