ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Burkhead and Wesley Memorial UMC

February 14, 2024 7:00 pm

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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 for ever.

OPENING PRAYER Ash Wednesday UMH 353

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN UMH 292 What Wonderous Love Is This

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:20 b -6:10

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN UMH 356 When We Are Living

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

SPECIAL MUSIC My Savior arr. Don Besig

SERMON

INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE

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

CONFESSION AND PARDON

UMH 785

Psalm 51:1-17

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GOING FORTH *

The people may depart in silence.

Participating in this evening's worship service:

Rev. Ben Sloan Rev. Julie O'Neal

Joint Choirs of Burkhead and Wesley Memorial UMC under the leadership of Mrs. Donna Cooke



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