

*The ashes used in this evening's service are from the palm fronds used at last year's
Palm Sunday Service*

Everyone is invited to join us as we journey thorough Lent to Easter

Every Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Food and Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Assembly—Fellowship hall
	9:50 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship—Sanctuary
Every Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Snack supper
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study— <i>He Chose the Nails</i> —Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, April 9	10:50 a.m.	Palm / Passion Sunday
Thursday, April 13	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service —Sanctuary
Friday, April 14		Good Friday
Sunday, April 16	6:15 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service —Delta UMC
	7:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast—Delta Fellowship Hall
	10:50 a.m.	Easter Sunday Service

He Chose the Nails, What God Did to Win Your Heart.

Linger on the hill of Calvary.

Rub a finger on the timber and press the nail into your hand.

Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of a thorn on your brow.

Touch the velvet dirt, moist with the blood of God.

Allow the tools of torture to tell their story.

Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart.

When Jesus took his last breath, did he secure salvation for humanity or perpetrate history's biggest hoax? Travel to Golgotha with Max Lucado and decide for yourself. With his characteristic insight, Lucado examines the extraordinary circumstances surrounding Christ's crucifixion and explains why the cross is central to our own search for significance.

Everyone is invited to join in this meaningful six week DVD / Book / Discussion spiritual growth study. We will begin each Wednesday with a snack supper at 6:00 p.m. before moving to the Sanctuary for the study from 6:15 to 7:25.

Books will be available before and after worship this Sunday. Child care is available during the evening Bible study.

SNOW HILL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 1, 2017

7:00 P.M.

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WORSHIP

March 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday Liturgical Color—Purple

WELCOME We welcome all who have gathered to worship this evening.

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

May we all be in a spirit of prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude and as the acolyte brings the light of Christ into worship.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

† HYMN *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* No. 269

OPENING PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Keith Lawson, Lector Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

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

SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC *Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley* American Spiritual

MEDITATION *How Are You?* Dr. Spicer

CONFESSON - Psalm 51

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;

People: in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Pastor: Wash me through and through from my wickedness

People: and cleanse me from my sin.

Pastor: For I know my transgressions,

People: and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: Against you only have I sinned

People: and done what is evil in your sight.

Pastor: And so you are justified when you speak

People: and upright in your judgment

Pastor: For behold, you look for truth deep within me,

People: **and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

Pastor: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

People: wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Pastor: Hide your face from my sins

People: and blot out all my iniquities.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from your presence

People: and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Give me the joy of your saving help again

People: and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Pastor: I shall teach your ways to the wicked,

People: and sinners shall return to you.

Pastor: Deliver me from death, O God,

**People: and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.**

SOLO *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Dorsey / Allen

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

All gathered are invited to come to the altar railing to receive the imposition of the ashes, the sign of the cross – which provides a visible sign of an inward commitment to repent and to turn to God through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Please come forward as the ushers guide you.

† HYMN OF DEDICATION *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* No. 357

† BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATION LEAVES IN SILENCE

† Please stand if you are able

Leading in Worship this evening: Steve Gregg—Vocalist, Keith Bullin—Organ, Jennifer Amos—Piano, Cindy Roberts—Vocal, Keith Lawson—Lector

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Child Care is available in the nursery, located behind the Chancel area.