

Farmingdale United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Gathering *Come And Find the Quiet Center*

***Call to Worship**

Let all the earth tremble,

for the day of the Lord is coming.

Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

***Opening Hymn**

Just as I Am

UMH #357

Invocation

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

Responsive Psalter Psalm 51:1-17

UMH #785

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Sermon *Piety and Mercy*

Hymn

Give Me a Clean Heart

FWS #2133

Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

Silence for Reflection and Self-examination

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God,

we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought and word and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart and soul,

with all our mind and strength,

and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We beseech you, O God,

to be forgiving to what we have been,

to help us to amend what we are,

and of your mercy to direct what we shall be,

so that the love of goodness may ever be first in our hearts,

that we may always walk in your commandments

and ordinances blameless,

and follow in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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***Benediction**

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*We
beseech you
on behalf of
Christ,
be reconciled
to God.*

2 Corinthians 5:20b