



# WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT (ASH SUNDAY)  
FEBRUARY 21, 2021—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

by Thom Shuman

God's people have been called to gather.

**From little infants to aged grandparents, all are welcome.**

God's people have been called to repent.

**From those who wear their faults on their sleeves, to those whose secret hearts are broken, all are welcome.**

God's people have been called to be reconciled to our God.

**From those who have turned away, to those whose pain whispers in the night, all are welcome.**

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH 298

*1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died;  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" - words by Isaac Watts; music anon., arr. by Edward Miller

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†AFFIRMATION

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

"Glory be to the Father" - words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke

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†GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

‘Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

<sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

<sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, ‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’ See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

†OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera;

music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, hamr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

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†HYMN

*What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.  
sing.*

"What Wondrous Love Is This" - words USA folk hymn; music USA folk hymn, harm by Paul J. Christiansen  
harm © 1995 renewed 1983 Augsburg Publishing House

What Wondrous Love Is This vv. 1-3

*What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this,  
that caused the Lord of life  
to lay aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

UMH 292

*To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb  
who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme  
I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will  
sing.*

†THIRD READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. <sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, ‘Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, “Where is their God?”’

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Ash Sunday: Disruption & Change

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO LENT

PSALM OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.

**Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;**

make me hear with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,

**then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. We pray that you would make these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and our penitence, so that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given eternal life; we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

We have a few ways you can receive ashes this year. If you would like to come up to the front, Pastor Trey will be imposing ashes using a fresh cotton swab for each person. You can receive the ashes on your forehead, or on the back of your hand. If you are not comfortable with that level of contact, you may come up and receive a card that is marked with an ash cross. If you are not comfortable coming forward, we have ash cross cards on the podium at the back of the sanctuary that you can pick up at any time.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN  
UMH 301

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross, vv. 1-3

Jesus keep me near the cross;  
there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream,  
flows from Calvary's mountain.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring it scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o-er me.

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" - words by Frances J. Crosby; music by William H. Doane CCLI #1550924

†BENEDCITION

by Trey Burns

As the leaves of the palm tree, once joining our shouts of "Hosanna!" have been changed into the ashes that accompany our prayers of repentance, may you be changed by this season of Lent— changed by the light and love of God, changed in your relationship with the world around you, changed to be more like Jesus Christ.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We need volunteers! Our children's ministry will be starting up again on Wednesday evenings beginning in March. Sandy Barbour will be leading the program, but she needs a few volunteers each week to help her share Christ with the young people of our community. If you're interested in serving in this ministry, contact Pastor Trey (tre@whitehouseumc.com).

If you're joining us for our live stream and would like to receive ashes, you can come up to the church between the end of service and noon. Pastor Trey will be at the carport on the east side of the front building to pray with—and impose ashes for— anyone who arrives during that time.

As of right now, we have no running water at the church, so in-person activities are up in the air. Please watch for emails and social media posts from the church to learn when our various activities will be starting up in the next week or so.

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PRAYER LIST

The Weavers  
Sandra Walton  
Gauge Hendley  
Kristen Longfellow  
Janice Dupree  
Jason Krob  
Ryan Baron  
The Wilkes  
Our Schools  
Our children's ministry

The Loros  
Brenda Caps  
Lauren Lawler  
Guy De LaMarter  
Joyce Bammes  
Luke Shaeffer  
Bobbie Akers  
Our Country  
Members of our military

Michael Robinson  
Betty Garner  
Cindy North  
Teresa Mitchum Hughes  
The Lintners  
Gene Ruelle  
Bri Benoit  
Matt Lockwood  
Our church family

Harold Marshall  
Bert Gardner  
Kelly Kea  
Paul Rider  
Hannah Dintelman  
Our Community  
First Responders  
Our Schools  
Our elected officials

