PRAYER list

John Benfield
Arthur Cummings
Mary Cummings
HJ Fleming
Cathy Hanks
David Holder
Toni Holder
W. Ashley Long
Jerry Reitzel
Andrew Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Fred Robinson
Jake Sawyer
Bob Strother
Mike Trisler

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Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray *Executive Pastor*	Megan Gray *Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging*	Chad Deetz *Youth Minister*
Dale Fischer *Director of Music*	Jennifer Bartless *Coordinator of Children's Ministry*	Dr. Kristine Lee *Organist*

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"

A Service of Worship for Ash Wednesday

Prelude *"Ah, Holy Jesus"* Mary McDonald

Gathering

*Call to Worship

Look for God in this place.

We search for God's love and peace.

It is here, given for you out of God's absolute love for you.

Lord, help us receive that love and then bring it to others.

Peace be to you all.

And also to you. Amen.

*Opening Prayer UMH 353

*Hymn *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"* UMH 269

Scripture Lesson Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Anthem *"Wondrous Love"* arr. Eric Thiman
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a

Sermon

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

*Imposition of Ashes

Confession and Pardon

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
Who by your love has made us, and through your love has kept us, and in your love will make us perfect:
We humbly confess that we have not loved you will all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ has loved us.
Your life is within our souls; but our selfishness has hindered you.
We have not lived by faith. We have resisted your Spirit. We have neglected your inspirations.
Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in your Spirit direct what we shall be; that you may come into the full glory of your creation, in us and in all the people.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *"The Gift of Love"* UMH 408

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude *"And Can It Be"* Thomas Campbell

**Please stand if able*