

FEBRUARY 17, 2010

7:00 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF RIVERSIDE  
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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*Welcome! We're glad you're here. Please sign in  
using the red books along the side aisles.*

PRELUDE

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin, BWV 616*

In Peace and Joy I now Depart

GATHERING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 forever.**

\* PSALM 51:1-17 (in unison) Hymnal page 785

\* HYMN NO. 402

I Want to Be a Christian

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joel 2:12-17

ANTHEM

*Pi  Jesu*

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

The Aldersgate Chorale

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON          **Matthew 6: 19-34**

\* HYMN NO. 382          *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*          Adelaide

SCRIPTURE LESSON          **2 Corinthians 5:17 - 6:2**

SERMON          **Focus, Trust & Hope**          Rev. Brian C. Kent

INVITATION TO LENT

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.**

ACCEPTING THE SYMBOL OF ASHES

When you are ready, you may come forward and receive  
the symbol of the cross on your forehead.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

\* THE PEACE

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Herzlich thut mich verlangen*

My heart is filled with longing

\* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN NO. 488

*Jesus, Remember Me*

Remember Me

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Alle Menschen Müssen sterben*

Johann Krebbs

All are mortal

**The people depart in silence.**

\* STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

**I will fast from that which entangles  
or weighs down my life,  
so that I may:**

**Follow Jesus**

**Love People**

**Transform the World**