



Gum Spring United Methodist Church

February 22, 2012, 7 PM

Ash Wednesday Observance with Holy Communion

Welcome

Rev. Haugh

Entrance

*Prelude

“More Like You, Lord”

Women’s Choir

*Greeting

Call: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Call: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

Response: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits.**

Call: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

Response: **Who redeems your life from the grave, and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.**

*Hymn

“Sunday’s Palms are Wednesday’s Ashes”

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*Opening Prayer:

**Most Holy God, your Son came to save sinners;
we come to this season of repentance,
confessing our unworthiness,
asking for new and honest hearts
and the healing power of your forgiveness.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Proclamation & Response

Responsive Reading	Psalm 51	785-786
Hymn	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	Bell Choir
Sermon		Rev. John Hall
Anthem	“Was I Faithful?”	Adult Choir

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

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.

Imposition of Ashes

Rev. Hall & Rev. Haugh

Pardon

May the Almighty and Merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept our repentance, forgive our sins, and restore us by the Holy Spirit to newness of life.

Amen.

Hymn	“Jesus Shall Reign”	Bell Choir
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The Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

<u>A Service of Word and Table</u>	13
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*Hymn of Dedication “Sweet Hour of Prayer”	496
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*Dismissal with Blessing

*please stand as you are able



A special welcome to our brothers and sisters in Christ from Bethel United Methodist Church. We are glad you chose to observe this somber time with us.

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