

## Weekly Highlight

### Lenten Sermon Series

The migration of birds marks the changing of seasons. This new beginning, which is critical to their survival, just might mirror the journey we're about to take as we mark the season of Lent by looking at the life of faith from a different perspective. Each week we'll explore the lessons that can be gleaned from our feathered friends. The truth is, we're all birds of a feather, so let's flock together!



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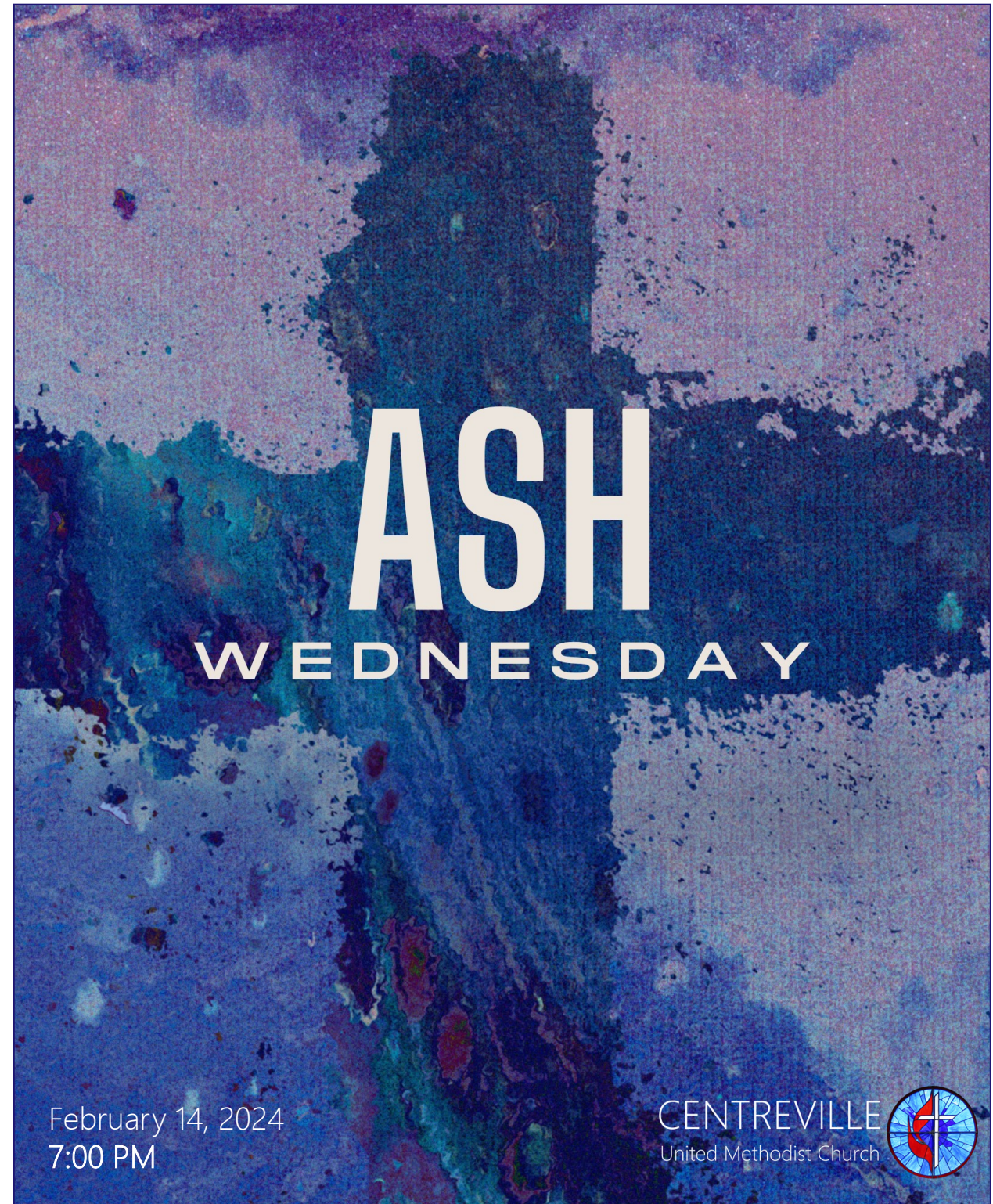
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February 14, 2024  
7:00 PM

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United Methodist Church



## The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Prelude *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* arr. Blersch  
Laura Hesse, organ

\*Greeting Rev. Matthew Smith

\*Opening Unison Prayer Hymnal No. 268 Sean Gray

\*Opening Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Hymnal No. 269

Psalter Reading Psalm 51 Hymnal No. 785

**Sung Response #2: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Anthem *Create in Me a Clean Heart O God* Johnson  
Chancel Choir and Voices In Praise

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6: 1-6 Rev. Phil Mohr

"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. "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. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "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. 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.

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Rev. Geitra Mickelson

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 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! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill

repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Response  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Die FASTER" Sean Gray

Invitation to the Observance of Lent Rev. Geitra Mickelson & Rev. Matthew Smith

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Imposition of the Ashes

Silent Prayers of Confession Rev. Phil Mohr

Pardon

The Peace Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Celebration of Our Giving Rev. Matthew Smith

Offertory *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. Held  
Laura Hesse, organ

Please take a moment to register your attendance in the pew folders.

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.**

\*Hymn *Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes* TFWS No. 2138

\*Benediction Sean Gray

Going Forth (Please depart in silence)

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\* Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.