

Weekly Highlight

Lenten Sermon Series

Life can feel like a series of moves and choices, much like a game. But what if the games we play actually hold deeper meaning for our lives? Some of our favorite childhood games might reveal surprising spiritual truths. Join us during Lent for "Games People Play" as we uncover the lessons behind the games and their connection to our faith journey!



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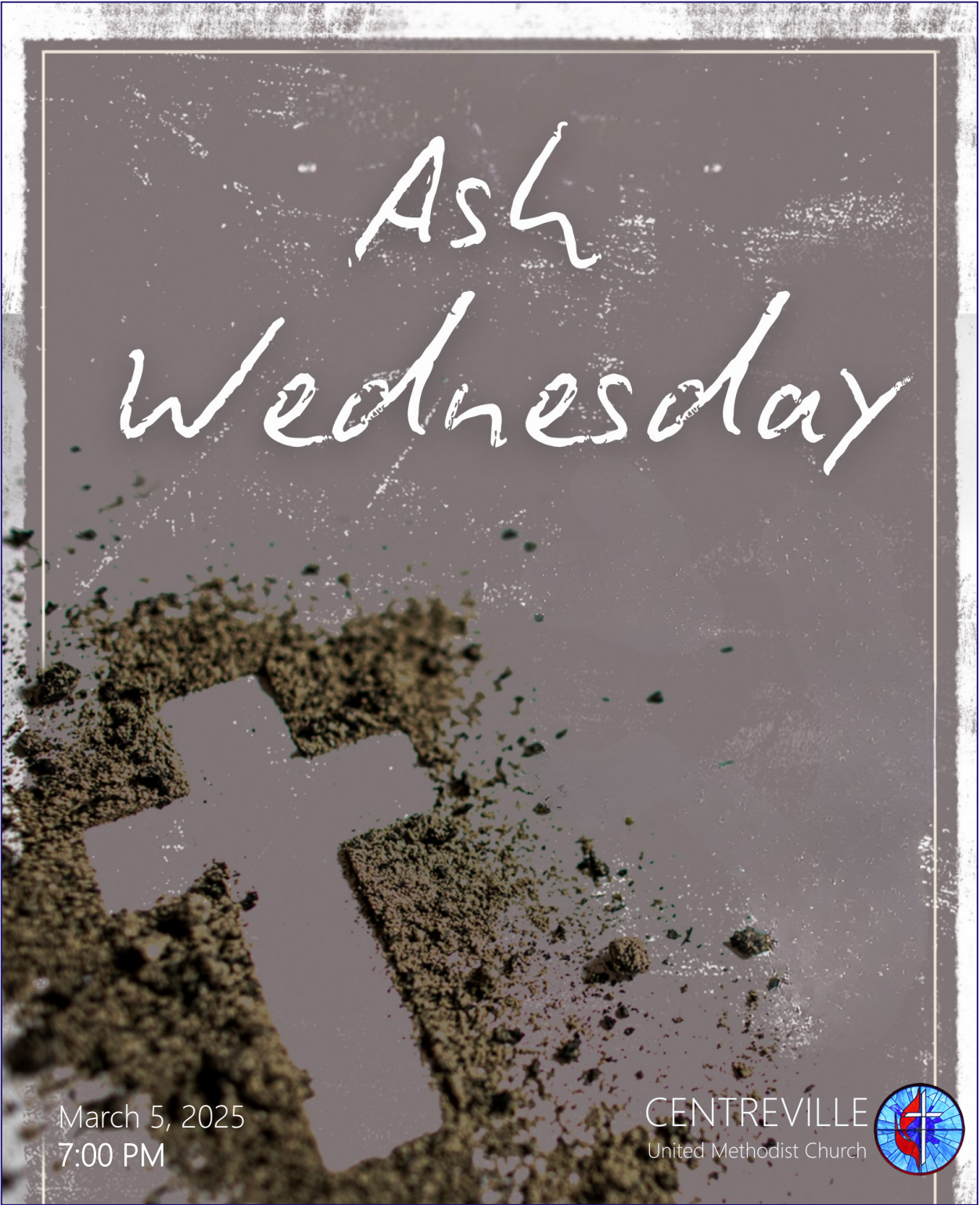
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# Ash Wednesday



March 5, 2025  
7:00 PM

CENTREVILLE  
United Methodist Church



The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Prelude Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy arr. Powell  
Laura Hesse, organ

\*Greeting Rev. Matthew Smith  
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 for ever.**

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

Opening Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson  
**O God, maker of every thing and judge of all that You have made, from the dust of the earth You have formed us and from the dust of death You would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of Your calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebration of Our Giving Rev. Phil Mohr

Offertory My Faith Looks Up to Thee Osterland  
Laura Hesse, organ

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

First Lesson Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Rev. Phil Mohr  
The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?

A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises. The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow. All things are wearisome; more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.

What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been, in the ages before us. The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

Anthem Dust I Am Miller  
Chancel Choir and Voices In Praise

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Rev. Matthew Smith  
So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 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. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Homily "Dying to Live" Rev. Geitra Mickelson

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.**

Invitation to the Observance of Lent Rev. Geitra Mickelson & Rev. Phil Mohr

Thanksgiving over the Ashes Rev. Matthew Smith

Imposition of the Ashes

Pardon Rev. Matthew Smith

\*Passing the Peace of Christ Rev. Matthew Smith

\*The Lord's Prayer Rev. Phil Mohr  
**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 Lord I Want to Be a Christian Hymnal No. 402

\*Benediction Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Going Forth (Please depart in silence)