

Today we begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Lenten Season. The weeks that follow lead us right up to Easter. We set aside the days in Lent to seriously consider the sacrifice and passion of Jesus Christ in preparation for the Celebration of the Resurrection.

Lent is a time of fasting and prayer. During the Ash Wednesday service ashes from the burnt palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday ceremony are imposed on the forehead in the sign of the cross. This symbolizes our humility before the Lord as we repent and seek forgiveness.

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**North Bend
Elizabethtown**
United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday
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BURNING OF THE ASHES
*The palms from last year's Palm Sunday
worship were burned and those ashes
will be used during tonight's ceremony.*

Prelude Denny Simpson

*Call to Worship

Leader: Consider the Savior of us all.

**People: Jesus suffered on the Cross to make
us free.**

Leader: How amazing the grace that led him
there!

**People: O Lamb of God, how great is your
love!**

*Hymn #292 "What Wondrous Love Is This"
(verses 1-3)

*Opening Prayer Unison

**Lord Jesus, take full possession of our
hearts, establish in them your throne, and
rule there as you rule in heaven. Being
created by you, let us live in you. Being**

**created for you, let all we do bring glory to
you. Being redeemed through you, let us
ever surrender to you. May we always cling
to you alone. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Numbers 19:1-10
New Testament Hebrews 9:11-15

7:00pm Faith on Fifty Prayer

Message "Why Did Jesus Die for Us?"

Hymn #393 "Spirit of the Living God"

CEREMONY OF THE ASHES

Confession and Repentance
Forgiveness and Thanksgiving
Receiving the sign of the Cross

*Hymn #301 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"
(verses 1-3)

*Closing Blessing

Postlude

(* indicates places for the congregation to stand (as you are able)