

ECUMENICAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
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ames united church of christ  
7:00 p.m.



**THE GATHERING  
PRELUDE**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” - Arr. Susanna Keeney

**GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE  
EXPLANATION OF THE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

**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!**

**OPENING HYMN**

No. 269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days,” vs 1,3,4

**OPENING PRAYER**

**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 the earth 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.**

**ANTHEM**

“In the Shadow of the Cross” Jeff Lippencott  
Combined Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 18:1-9

**WITNESS TO THE WORD**

Rev. Eileen Gebbie, Ames United Church of Christ

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

No. 420 “Breathe on Me, Breathe of God,” vs 1,2

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON** Psalm 51:1-17, Psalter no. 785

Silent Prayer

Reconciliation and Commendation

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints,  
let us commend ourselves, one another, and  
our whole life to Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you, O Lord!**

**HYMN** No. 618 "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
**SERVICE OF ASHES AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Mary Jane Button-Harrison, First Christian Church  
Thanksgiving Over the Ashes  
Invitation and Prayer  
Imposition of Ashes  
Partaking of the Bread and Cup

*Come forward down the center aisle to receive the ashes, then move to the communion station to receive the bread and cup. All are welcome to come forward.*

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**

No. 395

"Take Time to Be Holy

**ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE**

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:**

The Living First Supper, 6:30pm FUMC sanctuary,  
with Communion

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm  
Hosted by First Christian Church  
Pastor Kerrin preaches

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Good Friday Noon Service at FUMC Chapel  
Prayer Vigil begins 1pm at First Christian Church  
Good Friday Service, 7pm at United Church of Christ

**Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Ecumenical Sunrise Service, 7am,  
Hosted by United Church of Christ  
Pastor Mary Jan Button-Harrison preaches

**NURSERY**

Clove, Matthew & Andrea

**Audio**

Pete Peterson

**Video**

Marty Sankey

**Live Streaming**

Mike Evans

**Chancel Choir ALWAYS welcomes NEW members.  
Join us as we prepare for Lent and Easter**

