

New Hope United Methodist Church
February 18, 2026
A Service of Confession and Repentance

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If God hosted a dinner,

***People:* all would be invited.**

Leader: If God prepared a banquet,

***People:* there'd be a seat saved for each of us.**

Leader: That is the good news. All are invited.

***People:* Let us worship God, who invites all.
Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN "Breathe on Me Breath of God" UMH 420

LITANY

Pulpit Side: These days, the fabric of the world is shredded.

***Piano Side:* We are coming unraveled in hatred and division.**

Pulpit Side: So many voices are raised in fear, in anger.

***Piano Side:* We can hardly hear the Spirit that calls to us.**

Pulpit Side: We enter this season of ashes and sackcloth.

***Piano Side:* Standing before the Holy in our**

brokenness.

Pulpit Side: Heal us, God of mercy, of our hardened hearts.

***Piano Side:* Our judging natures, our fears of The Other.**

Pulpit Side: Walk with us, God of Love, through deserts of hopelessness.

***Piano Side:* Stay with us through valleys of brokenness.**

Pulpit Side: Take us, God of Love, and transform us.

***Piano Side:* As we find the path that leads to resurrection.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 NRSV 798 (OT)

SILENCE

HYMN "Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"
TFWS 2138

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:15-24 NRSV 72-73 (NT)

REFLECTION Pastor Helen

SILENCE

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 51 UMH 785

CALL TO CONFESSION HYMN

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian" UMH 402 v. 1

CORPORATE CONFESSION

response after each of Pastor's prayers:

Leader: God, in your graciousness,

***People:* remind us of your invitation.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION "Kyrie Elieson" TFWS 2275

SILENCE

SERVICE OF THE ASHES

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of the Ashes

PRAYER

HYMN "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" UMH 521

BLESSING - DEPART IN SILENCE

NRSV = new Bible, UMH = United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS = The Faith We Sing

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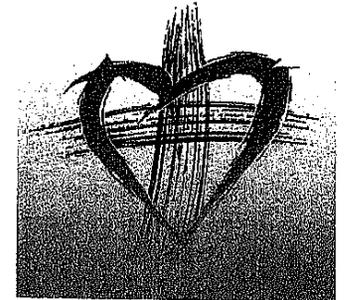
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