Forrest Burdette Memorial
United Methodist Church
February 14, 2018

We Gather to Celebrate
New Life In Christ

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8

You are invited into a deeper commitment to Christ during this 40-day Lenten Season. Mark this time with intentional discipleship. Fast from particular luxuries, material consumerism, or various forms of entertainment, and use each opportunity as a reminder of Christ's sacrifice and a call to prayer. Add a spiritual discipline such as morning or evening Bible reading, daily prayer for church/community/world, or actions of service and compassion. Prayerfully consider your call this season, and write your intention and commitment on the slip of paper that is in your bulletin to later lay on the communion rail.

Prelude *"KINGSFOLD"* *arr. Barnhouse*

Call to Worship
Come, people of God, to know again who you are.
We long for a closer walk with our Savior.
Salvation is offered to all who will receive it.
We believe in the wholeness Christ offers.
We come with joy, expecting to be renewed.
We are eager to be a channel of God's blessing.

Hymn No. 269 *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

Prayer of Confession UMH No. 785 Psalm 51:1-17

Words of Assurance

Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Hymn No. 359 *"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"*

Epistle Lesson II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Anthem *"Give Me Jesus"*
Traditional Spiritual, arr. R. Sterling

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:1-6, 16-20

Words to Live By "Soul Repair" Ellis Conley

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
Our offering goes to help Annual Conference mission projects through the Midland South Celebration of Mission Event to be held May 6. This year we'll divide our support between The House of the Carpenter (Wheeling), Upshur Parish House (Buckhannon), and Volunteers in Mission.
Offertory *"LAND OF REST"* *arr. Barnhouse*

Offertory Response UMH No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer

Imposition of Ashes and Receiving Communion
As you come forward you will first have the imposition of the sign of the cross on your forehead and then receive communion by intinction. Bring the slip of paper upon which you have written your commitment of intentional discipleship during this season of Lent. Place you slip of paper face down on the communion rail.

Prayer after Communion

Hymn No. 382 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

Benediction

Postlude *"SPIRIT SONG"* *arr. Barnhouse*

We Scatter to Witness and Serve,
Using the Gifts God Gave Us.

Fast, Pray, Listen, Respond daily devotional booklets are available at the Connection Center, free as a resource to help you keep a holy Lent.

Lenten Purple Bows: Please take home a purple bow for your door, mailbox, or lamp post to mark your house as a member of Forrest Burdette during Lent.