



*Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista*

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# **Ash Wednesday**

## **March 2, 2022**

### **7:00 p.m.**

**Pastoral Welcome** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw  
The Grace of Jesus Christ be with You.  
**And also with You.**

**Opening Song**  
**“Take Time to Be Holy” UMH 395**  
Words: William D. Longstaff, ca 1882  
Music: George C. Stebbins, 1890  
Adam Ferrara

**Opening Prayer** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw  
O God, maker of everything 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 redeeming 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.

**Scripture**  
**Joel 2:1-2, 12 and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21, various verses (NRSV)**

**Song**  
**“Come and Find the Quiet Center” FWS 2128**  
Words: Shirley Erena Murray  
Music: Attr. To B.F. White  
Adam Ferrara

**Message**  
**Not for the Weak Hearted**  
Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



**Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Dear family of Christ, early Christians observed with great devotion the days of Jesus’ passion and resurrection, and this became a custom of the Church for a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. In the early church, new faithful were taught about Christianity and prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time for those who sinned and separated from church and God to be restored to the life of the faith through penitence and forgiveness. In this way, the whole congregation is reminded of the mercy of God and forgiveness proclaimed in the Good News.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe Holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial; by reading and meditating on God’s Word; and by giving alms to the work of the church. In this way, let us make a new beginning, remembering our mortal nature and spiritually kneeling before our Creator.

**Thanksgiving over the Ashes**

Please pray: **Gracious God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be a sign of our finitude and how we fall short of your grace. Help us remember that it is only by grace that we are brought into the eternal life with the communion of Saints, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Imposition of Ashes**

If you feel called, use your finger to touch the ashes on the heart, touch your forehead or back of hand with ashes and say out loud, ***“the cross of Christ, offers renewed life.”***

You may instead say the more traditional, ***“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”***

**Song**

**“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593**

Words and Music: Dan Schutte, 1981

Adam Ferrara

**Benediction**

Here I am, Lord, I commit myself to this Lenten journey. Send me beyond these moments of reflection and ritual for whatever awaits me. I am yours and I trust you are with me, wherever I will go. Amen.



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