

Welcome to worship with Asbury UMC! Whether you are present in person or online, we pray that you find this service to be spirit-filled and our community to be welcoming!

*Please stand as able

Welcome and Introduction

Rev. Susan Ledbetter

*Words of Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Why have we gathered today?

We gather to confess our sins and bring a sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart to God, who forgives us and frees us for joyful obedience. Today, we join one another and Christ on the road to the cross and commit ourselves to the Lenten journey ahead of us. May we be faithful to keeping a Lenten fast of justice, charity, and flourishing before God, self, and neighbor.

*Opening Song *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* 269

Invitation to Observe Lenten Disciplines Rev. Heather Rose

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Message Rev. Susan Ledbetter

“Obvious”

Prayers, Pardon, and Forgiveness

Silent Prayers of Confession

Forgiveness of Sins

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Song *A Clean Heart* Chancel Choir
Benjamin Harlan

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Heather Rose

Creator God, you fashioned us out of dust, breathing your Spirit into us, so we might sing your praise.

But we have denounced your gift of life in order to be our own gods, clinging to death-dealing idols of our own making. We discount the weak, and profit by others’ pain.

Not trusting your providence, We stop our ears to the cries of those in need Because we’re afraid we won’t have enough.

We have been unfaithful stewards, O Lord.

We live in a state of sin among a people of sin.

Save for your grace, we perish.

Remember our making, Creator God; remember we are dust.

Have mercy on us according to your loving kindness. Breathe new life into us once more, so we might be the people you created us to be. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Giving Thanks for the Ashes Rev. Susan Ledbetter

The Imposition of Ashes

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Musical Offering *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Diana Brandon
Martin Herbst

*The Blessing Rev. Susan Ledbetter

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you.

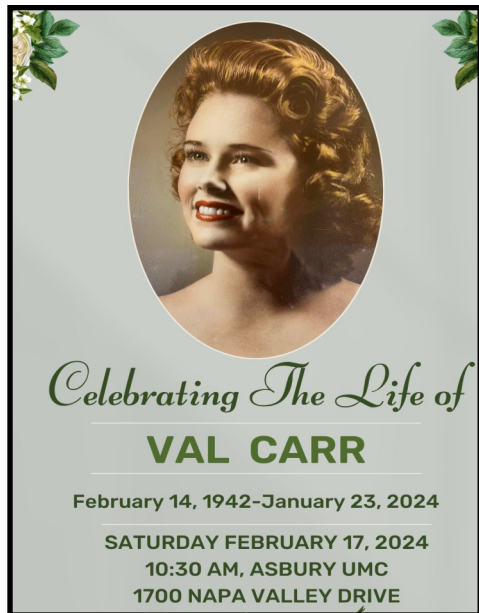
And also with you.

Why are we sent today?

We go to confess God’s love to a broken and hurting world.

As we wear the ashes of penitence on our bodies, so we carry the reconciling love of God we have received to a world sorely in need of justice, abundance, and flourishing. Amen.

Postlude *What Wondrous Love is This* Diana Brandon



**LENTEN LUNCH
SERIES
NOON-1 PM AT
ASBURY UMC
GOD IS IN THE
TORN APART**

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024; 6pm



Events and happenings at Asbury

- ◆ Saturday Feb 17th: Val Carr’s Memorial Service, 10:30am
- ◆ Sunday Feb 18th: Confirmation Class, 2-4pm
- ◆ Sunday Feb 18th: Youth Group, 4-6pm
- ◆ Sunday Feb 18th: Holy Land Bible Study, 4-6pm
- ◆ Sunday Feb 18th: Spiritual Formation Class, 4:30-6pm
- ◆ Monday Feb. 19th: Asbury offices closed for President’s Day (ACDC Open)
- ◆ Tuesday Feb 20th: Lenten Lunch at Asbury, 12-1pm
- ◆ Thursday Feb, 22rd: Asbury Ladies Book Club, 6:30 in the Warehouse
- ◆ Friday Feb, 23rd-Sunday Feb 25th: Veritas Weekend. NO YOUTH on Sunday
- ◆ Sunday Feb 25th: Stone Soup Mission, 1:30-4:30pm, Quapaw Quarter UMC
- ◆ Tuesday Feb 27th: Food & Diaper Pantry, 11am-1pm
- ◆ Tuesday Feb 27th: Church Council Meeting, 6pm
- ◆ Sunday March, 3rd: Youth Group, 4-6

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