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Pine Grove United Methodist Church

Together in Worship

March 5, 2014

PRELUDE “Just As I Am” (arr. Bennett) Beverly Myers

CALL TO WORSHIP “You Are My Hiding Place” Chancel Choir

INTERACTIVE PRAYER

Cover me with ashes,
the thick-smoke soot of the earth.
Make my breathing like the journey
from death into life -- second by second,
prayer by prayer.

Cover me with a cloak -- bring me low to the earth,
your justice whispering to me like the gleam of red rocks,
the colors dancing in the darkness.

Let me know the power of sage and cedar in my bones,
not that I may trap them there,
but bring them forth in words.

Cover me with darkness --
with the presence of my elders, their tears falling around me,
reminding me of why we are here --
sighing, groaning with our singing, longing to hear us into being,
stretching us beyond breathing and praying and weeping.

Cover me with mercy--
let the bones you have crushed rejoice,
like the woman who channeled every ounce of courage and
dignity
to touch your cloak and find new life.
Breathe unto me life anew,

of possibility,
of beauty,
of balance,
of grace.

Cover me with mud --
bring me to my lowest state, so that in my weaknesses
I see your strength --
the reflection of your eyes in the brokenness around me,
the fullness of your love in the depths of our hearts.

Cover me with ashes --
the ashes of my grandmother,
who in living her days knew no strangers,
worked tirelessly with worn hands
and lifted grandchildren high into the air.

Cover me with mercy --
let my cheek come to rest on the cold earth,
its faithful presence a call to walk humbly
beyond myself
beyond my fears
and ever on to the red road that leads to your love.

Changer,
Cover me.
Cover me with ashes.
Change me.

prayer by Adrienne Tevathan, gbod.org

PSALM READING	Psalm 51:1-17	Pastor Robin
HYMN	“Take Time to Be Holy”	395
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 58:1-2	Pastor Robin

ANTHEM	“Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes”	Chancel Choir
REFLECTION	“Dust”	Pastor Robin
IMPOSITION OF ASHES		Pastor Robin
SENDING FORTH		Pastor Robin
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Alleluia, Amen”	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE	“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”	Beverly Myers

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WANT TO HAVE A HOLY LENT?

- *Pastor Robin will offer a Lenten prayer guide by email
- *Prayer stations will be available during Holy Week for you to pray through.
- *Weird things to give up for Lent:
[http://lifeteen.com/weird-lent-ideasthat-will-make-you-holier/!](http://lifeteen.com/weird-lent-ideasthat-will-make-you-holier/)
- *40 Days of Prayer: Make a Lent Calendar: Write in someone's name on each day, and pray for that person on that day.
- *Lent Photo a Day: Rethink Church of The UMC will have their photo a day challenge that you can post to instagram, facebook, or twitter. rethinkchurch.org
- *Take the Stop Hunger Now Lenten Challenge
 On May 31st, we will join with Sharon UMC and possibly other local churches, here at PGUMC, in a Stop Hunger Now packing party event, packing as many meals as possible. To do that, we need to raise funds to provide the meals. Each meal costs 25 cents. Consider giving 25 cents, \$1, or another amount a day during Lent for this challenge. 25 cents is \$10 total through Lent. \$1 is \$40 total through Lent. Children can participate, families can work together. You could even form teams!

OUR PRAYER LIST

The Mercer Family, Lisa Oland (Chemo), Janet McCoy, Brenda Hogue, Mary Philbin, John Mangum (heart), Greg Carnes (cancer), Julie McCombs, Louise Southern, Audra Burke (brain cancer), Greg and Sherrie Jones (health problems), Kris Abshire (cancer), Myra Thompson (heart), Jerry Hawkins (cancer treatment), Shela Boland, Bobby Crutchfield (cancer), Ted Marzullo (cancer), Carol Markey (cancer), Burlee Jones (back pain), Nicole Forcier (tests), Weddle family, Gough family, Bill Lambert, Brenda Childress, David Genevie, Tom Mahannah, Eunice Blackburn (recovering at home), Clyde Long (home), Ruth Spach (home), Miriam Fuller

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