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Ash Wednesday 
2/18/26 – 6:00 pm

Gathering Music - Christy Dunsmoor, piano

*Light of Christ Brought Into Worship

[Please stand as we welcome the Light of Christ]

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Song: “Just As I Am Without One Plea” Hymn #357

Scripture Readings: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21, Psalm 51

Message: Letting Go, ep 1: Saved from Shallow Religion
- Pastor Robb McClintock

Prayer over the Ashes

Holy Communion (Hymnal pg 12 & on screen)

Song as we Share: “Let us Break Bread Together” Hymn #618

*Blessing to Go Forth

*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

[Please remain standing as the Light of Christ is carried out before us, leading us to follow Jesus as we love God, love others, and serve the world.]

*Please stand as you are able

Lent Potluck Supper and Worship 2026 Begins February 18, 2026

Lenten Wednesday Night Suppers

All are welcome to the Community Potluck Supper
5:15 pm in Fellowship Hall
Please bring food to share with everyone gathered.

“Letting Go” Wednesday Lenten Worship at 6:00 pm

Focus: Releasing what binds us so we receive the life Christ offers

Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2026

Title: “Letting Go, ep 1: Saved from Shallow Religion”

Preacher: Pastor Robb McClintock

Scripture: Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21; Psalm 51:1–17

Theme: Lent begins with repentance rooted in grace, not shame, as Christ saves us from shallow religion and forms deep, transformed faith.

February 25, 2026

Title: “Letting Go, ep 2: Rewired in Christ”

Scripture: Matthew 4:1–11; John 3:17 Preacher: Tom Young

Theme: In Christ our inner wiring is reshaped so we face temptation and hardship with trust, hope, and love.

March 4, 2026

Title: “Letting Go, ep 3: Born Anew”

Scripture: John 3:1–17 Preacher: Barb Mamerow

Theme: New life is not self-improvement but rebirth through Christ’s death and resurrection.

March 11, 2026

Title: “Letting Go, ep 4: Set Free from Shame”

Scripture: John 4:5–42 Preacher: Bobbi Atkinson

Theme: Jesus meets us with truth and grace, freeing us from shame and restoring dignity.

March 18, 2026

Title: “Letting Go, ep 5: Clinging to Jesus”

Scripture: John 9:1–41 Preacher: Jamie Luepke

Theme: True sight comes from walking with Jesus rather than merely knowing about God.

March 25, 2026

Title: “Letting Go, ep 6: Our Greatest Hope”

Scripture: John 11:1–45

Theme: Jesus may not meet our expectations, but he fulfills our deepest hope with resurrection life.