

## Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned,  
and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified  
in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

**Behold, I was born into iniquity,  
and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

Behold, you desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Make me hear with joy and gladness;  
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

# ASH WEDNESDAY



*February 26, 2020*

*7:00 pm*

*A Community Service of John Wesley UMC,  
Otterbein UMC, and RISE*

# Ash Wednesday Service

February 26, 2020

7:00 pm

Otterbein UMC



Prelude Music

Matt Mosby, pianist, John Wesley UMC

Greeting

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* No. 301, UMH

Scripture Lesson Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (OT, page 846)

Anthem *The Returning* David Lantz  
Otterbein Choir with Camila Maric, soloist

Scripture Lesson Psalm 51 No. 785, UMH

Musical Meditation *As the Deer* arr. Cota  
Otterbein Chancel Ringers  
(text from Psalm 42)

\*Scripture Lesson Matthew 6:1-8 (NT, page 5)

Meditation Rev. Costella Forney  
"OPENING OUR HIDDEN LIFE TO GOD"

Solo *My Help Cometh from the Lord* Jackie Farris  
Ricky Goodwyn, Jr., with Matt Mosby, piano

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Special Music *I Take the Cross* Rouse  
Otterbein College Chorale

Confession and Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn *As the Deer* No. 2025, TFWS  
(sung twice)

***As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.***

\*Benediction

A special thank you to those participating in our service tonight:

Rev. Adam Blagg, Otterbein UMC  
Rev. Costella Forney, John Wesley UMC  
Rev. Faith Fowler, Otterbein UMC  
Rev. Amanda Garber, RISE  
Andy Harbick, RISE  
Matt Mosby, John Wesley UMC  
Sandy Schaefer, Otterbein UMC