

Riverside Community Church

Ash Wednesday Service

February 18, 2026



Gathering Music

Centering Silence & Prayer

Invitation to Worship “Come, Come” *Rumi*

Words of Welcome

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading “Giver and gift” *Meister Eckhart*

Words of Reflection

Song of Response “Take, O Take Me as I Am” 2x.

*Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

A Time of Blessing “Blessing the Dust” *Jan Richardson*

A Time to Remember

You are invited to come forward and receive the mark of ashes—as a reminder of your existence as a finite, vulnerable and beloved child of God, and as a sign of your desire for wholeness and healing.

*Closing Song “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” #378

Benediction

Following the benediction, you are invited to depart the sanctuary in silence or remain for a time of reflection.



*Would you become a pilgrim on the road of Love?
The first condition is that you make yourself
humble as dust and ashes.*

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR
LENTON TAIZÉ PRAYER & MEDITATION

Thursday Evenings | March 5, 12 & 19

6:30 – 7:30 PM*

Taizé prayer focuses on inner peace, communal trust, and dwelling in the presence of the Holy.



Rev. Vicky Stifter | Minister
Diana Beterbide | Piano, Organ & Choir Director
Riverside Chancel Choir
Ann Becker, Bill Light & Sharon Scott | Greeters
John Boonstra & Gail Lyon | Readers
Owen Summersett | Sound & Audio-Visual System



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