

Riverside Community Church
Ash Wednesday Service
February 18, 2026



Gathering Music

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude "What Wondrous Love"
Appalachian folk hymn

Invitation to Worship "Come, Come" *Rumi*

Words of Welcome

*Opening Song "Kum Ba Yah" #487

Preparing Our Hearts

Reading "Giver and gift"
Meister Eckhart

Choral Anthem "I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour"
Martin

Bible Bits & Scripture Genesis 2:4-7 Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 6: 19-21

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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