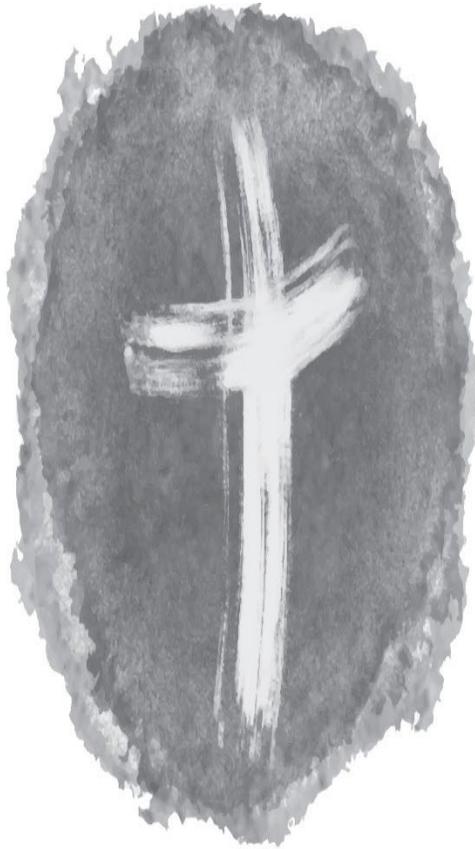


# Waupun United Methodist Church



# Ash WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

6:00 pm

**Welcome to worship.  
May you find the presence of God in this place.**

At the \* sign, please stand as you are able.

**Bold print** = Congregational response

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through all my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Red #378**

**on supplement**

**vs. 1,3**

**"Amazing Grace"**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Bible Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

6 It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple.

2 Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies!

The whole earth is filled with his glory!"

4 Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

5 Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I

have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I

have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."

8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?"

I said, "Here I am. Send me."

New Living Translation (NLT)

Video Reflection

"How Beautiful Are the Feet"

Bible Reading

Romans 10:14-17

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

16 But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "Lord, who has believed our message?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. (NLT)

**Hymn**

**Red #378**

**on supplement**

**vs. 2,5**

**"Amazing Grace"**

**Confession**

As we come together to worship this night in the presence of God, we confess our sins and seek God's grace and mercy. Isaiah was given a vision of God enthroned in the temple and the prophet was frightened by what he saw. He knew that he was a sinner in the presence of the holy God of Israel. With the prophet, we acknowledge and confess our sins to God with the sign of a cross of ashes and ask for his forgiveness.

**Almighty God, we know that we are sinners. We do not obey your holy law. We follow our sinful desires and listen to the temptations of the world around us. The prophet confessed that he was unclean. We too are unclean. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Imposition of Ashes****Absolution**

An angel touched the prophet's lips with a coal from the altar of sacrifice and said, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." Isaiah's guilt was taken away. His sins were forgiven. As God showed grace to the prophet, he has shown his grace to us through Jesus' atoning death. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." (Psalm 32:5)**

**Hymn                      Red #378                      on supplement                      vs. 2,4                      "Amazing Grace"**

**Celebration of Communion****The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: We give you thanks, LORD, that You have welcomed us, unworthy as we are, into Your presence.

Fill us with a gratitude born of the knowledge of Your Son's sacrifice and send us forth to come to understand the freedom and joy this sacrifice can mean.

**Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

"Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

**Then I said, "Here I am! Send me"**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn                      Red #378                      on supplement                      vs. 6-7                      "Amazing Grace"**