

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

March 2, 2022 † Ash Wednesday

*\*Indicates please rise, in body or spirit.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

**OPENING SONG** (video)

*“Lamb Of God” By The Many*

**PRAYER** (Unison): Loving God, we do not often refer to Jesus as “Lamb of God,” and yet in this world where the innocent are so often slaughtered by those whom Jesus likened to “wolves,” it seems appropriate. We gather tonight so keenly aware of the violence and brokenness of this world, and we pray for peace. May this Ash Wednesday service be a time of reflection and soul searching for us as we begin our Lenten journey this year. As Pope Francis has called for throughout the world tonight, we gather also in prayer for the people of Ukraine and for people throughout the world who are vulnerable and in danger. May they find strength and courage, and may we all do what we can to work for a more peaceful and unified human family. Amen.

### A TRADITIONAL LENTEN LITANY OF CONFESSION

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 18:9-14

**SONG** (video)

*“Be Still And Know” By Sherri Hansen*

### A TIME FOR SILENCE & PRAYER

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 16:21-22

**SONG** (video)

*"In My Heart Is The Journey"*

**THE RITUAL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ASHES**

**CLOSING SONG** (Video)

*"Now The Day Is Over" 98 NCH*

**\*POSTLUDE**