

**February 18, 2026**

**Ash Wednesday**

**WE GATHER AND ARRIVE**

**Meditation:** "Becoming dust is no threat to the phoenix born from the ash."

— Curtis Tyrone Jones

**\*\*WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP** (\*\* indicates the invitation to stand)

Leader: Let all the inhabitants of the earth tremble, for the Lord is near!

**People: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.**

Leader: The night of darkness is upon us - we await in fear.

**People: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.**

Leader: Spare your people, O Lord. Heal and prepare us for service.

**People: Let your love and healing mercies flood through us, Lord. AMEN.**

**\*\*WE PRAISE OUR LORD AND PASS THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

"Just As I Am Without One Plea"

CH# 488

**WE WORSHIP THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

**WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

From Dust to Dust

Genesis 3:17-19 & John 9:1-12

Rev. John Demaree

**\*\*WE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

"Take Time to Be Holy"

CH #656



**WE PRAISE OUR LORD FOR GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS**

Leader: We offer prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed....Lord

**People: Hear our prayers...**

Leader: We pray for the departed and for those who mourn....Lord

**People: Hear our prayers...**

Leader: We pray for peace in our homes, and among nations and peoples....Lord

**People: Hear our prayers...**

Leader: We pray for the children and all the little ones of our world - that

their needs may be met and that they may grow in grace and in love

as they advance in years....Lord

**People: Hear our prayers...**

Leader: We pray for all of the worries, hurts, and wounds both physical and

spiritual upon those here in this place and those we know and love....Lord

People: Hear our prayers...

***The Lord's Prayer:***

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name*

*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*

*Give us, this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses*

*As we forgive those who trespass against us*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"The Power of the Cross"

- Lea Linsley, pianist

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ANOINTING WITH ASHES AND PRAYER**

**\*\*WE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

"Sanctuary"

CH# 655

**WE RECEIVE A BENEDICTION**

**WE ARE LED OUT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BEAR THE LIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST**

**FLOCKNOTE:** is our new church communications platform. We discovered that our old system, Remind, has permanently stopped working for many of our users. **Flocknote** is very easy to use and comes with many new features. We will stop using Remind once everyone has switched over.

**There are two ways to sign up.**



1. **BEST OPTION:** Type into your phone or computer [sellersburg.flocknote.com](https://sellersburg.flocknote.com) Then enter your details, and select all of the groups that you are a part of.
2. **EASY OPTION:** simply text "**SUMCPRAYER**" to 84576

**WELCOME  
new  
here?**

We are grateful you have chosen to worship with us!

**Restrooms** are available on the main level through the door located next to the front chancel/altar area (on the right). There are additional restrooms located on the lower level accessible through the back sanctuary doors, down the stairs, and through the winding hallway next to rooms 8, 9, & 10.

**Parents with kids:** we have a staffed nursery available during service. You may also sit in our family worship space in the back of the sanctuary. Worship boxes with activities are available for each child. We do not expect children to be silent for service, so feel free to sit in the back and let them be kids while you participate in worship. Staff and Hospitality Team members are available for any assistance.



# SELLERSBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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