



Our hearts, our minds, and our doors are open.

Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church
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Sacrament of Holy Communion — First Sunday every month

Welcome

Wednesday, February 18th, 7 PM
Worship Service

Ash Wednesday Lenten Service

(Joint Service with St. Mark Lutheran & Pleasant Gap UMC)

Prelude	<i>Change My Heart, O God</i> - Espinosa, arr. Hayes	
*Call to Worship		
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.		
And also with you.		
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.		
God's mercy endures forever.		
*Opening Prayer	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	UM 353
*Hymn	<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	UM 269
Scripture	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	
Anthem	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i> - Victor Johnson	Combined Choirs
Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:20 b –6:10	
*Hymn	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i>	UM 382
Gospel	Matthew 6:1 –6, 16–21	

Sermon

Where and When

Pastor Kevin Shock
St. Mark Lutheran Church

Invitation To The Observance Of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving Over The Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Imposition Of Ashes

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

UM351

Confession

Psalm 51:1–17

UM785

The congregation prays Psalm 51:1–17.
Prayers of confession in silence.

Pardon

May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept your repentance, forgive your sins, and restore you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. Amen.”

*Passing Of the Peace

*Hymn

Just as I am, Without One Plea

UM 357

*Benediction

*Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise - arr. Young

**Please join us for a Hour of Prayer every Friday at the Sanctuary beginning at 7 pm.
Please join us for Worship every Sunday at the Sanctuary at
8:15 am and at 10:30 am.**

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Announcement of alarm and peril

² Blow the horn in Zion;
 give a shout on my holy mountain!
Let all the people of the land tremble,
 for the day of the LORD is coming.
It is near—
² a day of darkness and no light,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread out upon the mountains,
 a great and powerful army comes,
 unlike any that has ever come before them,
 or will come after them in centuries ahead.

Change your hearts

¹² Yet even now, says the LORD,
 return to me with all your hearts,
 with fasting, with weeping, and with sorrow;
 ¹³ tear your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD your God,
 for he is merciful and compassionate,
 very patient, full of faithful love,
 and ready to forgive.
¹⁴ Who knows whether he will have a change of heart
 and leave a blessing behind him,
 a grain offering and a drink offering
 for the LORD your God?
¹⁵ Blow the horn in Zion;
 demand a fast;
 request a special assembly.
¹⁶ Gather the people;
 prepare a holy meeting;
 assemble the elders;
 gather the children,
 even nursing infants.
Let the groom leave his room
 and the bride her chamber
¹⁷ Between the porch and the altar
 let the priests, the LORD's ministers, weep.
Let them say, "Have mercy, LORD, on your people,
 and don't make your inheritance a disgrace,
 an example of failure among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples,
 "Where is their God?""

from the Common English Bible

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:20 b-6:10

We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!" ²¹ God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.

⁶ ¹ Since we work together with him, we are also begging you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

² He says, *I listened to you at the right time, and I helped you on the day of salvation.* ^{1a} Look, now is the right time! Look, now is the day of salvation!

³ We don't give anyone any reason to be offended about anything so that our ministry won't be criticized. ⁴ Instead, we commend ourselves as ministers of God in every way. We did this with our great endurance through problems, disasters, and stressful situations. ⁵ We went through beatings, imprisonments, and riots. We experienced hard work, sleepless nights, and hunger. ⁶ We displayed purity, knowledge, patience, and generosity. We served with the Holy Spirit, genuine love, ⁷ telling the truth, and God's power. We carried the weapons of righteousness in our right hand and our left hand. ⁸ We were treated with honor and dishonor and with verbal abuse and good evaluation. We were seen as both fake and real, ⁹ as unknown and well known, as dying—and look, we are alive! We were seen as punished but not killed, ¹⁰ as going through pain but always happy, as poor but making many rich, and as having nothing but owning everything.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Showy religion

⁶ "Be careful that you don't practice your religion in front of people to draw their attention. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

² "Whenever you give to the poor, don't blow your trumpet as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may get praise from people. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. ³ But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing ⁴ so that you may give to the poor in secret. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

Showy prayer

⁵ "When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. ⁶ But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ from the New Testament according to Matthew.

Glory be to God.