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Worship
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany · February 9, 2020

We Gather

Welcome
Rev. Patricia Farris

Prelude
America the Beautiful (Calvin Hampton)
Dr. Brian Driscoll, Guest Organist

Processional Hymn
#185 United Methodist Hymnal – When Morning Gilds the Skies
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Call to Worship
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THE LORD’S PRAYER
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*HYMN
#2242 TFWS – Walk with Me

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Next Sunday, February 16, 3 - 5 p.m. in Simkins Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent - a time of introspection and self-examination of our lives and relationship with God. The ritual of the ashes represents a visual reminder of the day we pause to remember our physical limits in contrast to the infinity of God. Here at First UMC, we offer two Ash Wednesday services in the Chapel. The ashes used for the services come from the burned palms of last year’s Palm Sunday Service. We invite you to this intimate and reflective service that marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

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