



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

February 18, 2026

7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday

\* Assurance of Pardon

Scriptures

Sermon

Blessing of Ashes

\* Congregation Response to Ashes

*Those who wish to receive ashes may come forward as  
At the imposition of ashes, the pastor will say,*

Remember that you are dust, And to dust you shall return.

*The congregant may respond: In life and in death, I belong to God.*

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

Invitation to the Offering

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn *Sing Out! We're Made of Common Dust*

1. Sing out! We're made of common dust;  
One day, to dust we shall return!  
Yet, God, you've placed your mark on us  
And so for you our spirits yearn.
2. This gift of ashes we receive  
Reminds us we belong to you.  
You call us to repent, believe,  
and seek your Way in all we do.
3. The dust and dirt of children's play,  
of youthful times, of working years  
Are part of life — and life's decay;  
We wash the dust with sorrow's tears.
4. We sing, O God, of what you give:  
This ash reminds us we are yours.  
In life we're claimed, in death we live!  
In Christ our life, your love endures.

Tune: Robert Schumann, 1839 ("Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak")  
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\* Benediction

\* Threefold Amen

\* Postlude *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

— Williams

Prelude *Show Us Christ Lamentation* — Plank and Kauflin  
— Peterson

- \* Hymn *Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days*
1. Lord Jesus, who through forty days  
for us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,  
and close by you to stay.
  2. As you with Satan did contend,  
and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere,  
in you to conquer sin.
  3. And through these days of penitence,  
and through this Passion-tide,  
Yes, evermore, in life and death,  
O Christ, with us abide.
  4. Abide with us, till when this life  
of suffering shall be past,  
An Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

Words of Welcome

\* Call to Worship

Tonight we remember that it is God who breathed life into dust. We remember our own human frailty. Let us begin the journey of Lent by letting go of anything that keeps us from being closer to God.

\* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, we confess that at times we forget that You and You alone have created us. We forget that in and of ourselves we cannot live our lives as you have called us to do. Forgive us for these times and help us to journey through the season of Lent with the power of your Holy Spirit.