



United Methodist Church of Antioch

February 18, 2026

PRELUDE *Shepherd Me, O God*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Thurs, Feb. 19</u>	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Fri, Feb. 20</u>	AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sat, Feb. 21</u>	Pat Wagner Memorial Service -Visitation 10-11am with service to follow AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sun, Feb. 22</u>	Worship 8am & 10:30am Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am New Members Class 2pm/Wesley Hall AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet, and there are large print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles available. See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Interested in applying for scholarships from The United Methodist Church? Many scholarship deadlines are the first week in March. You can explore scholarship options with this link:
<https://www.umcnic.org/grants>

-The Northern Illinois Conference is launching the *#BeUMC Awards* for the upcoming Annual Conference! NIC will present *#BeUMC Awards* in 3 categories: an outstanding layperson, an outstanding clergy member, and an outstanding congregation. The deadline to submit a nomination is April 15th. For more information and access to nomination forms visit:

<https://www.umcnic.org/news/announcing-the-beumc-awards>

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith; to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

**Invites you to stand as you are able or to sit with gusto!*

***WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

P: God's mercy endures forever.

HYMN Black Hymnal #2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

From Ash Wednesday Liturgy (page 1) posted at <https://ms.augsburgfortress.org/downloads/Ash%20Wednesday%20ELW%20Liturgy%20Sample.pdf>.

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Holy Lord, we come to you aware that Lent is probably our most challenging season. We look at all the hardest parts directly and we can't turn away. Be with us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, as we struggle with concepts of punishment and forgiveness, good and evil. Guide our hearts to follow you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS— Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near — a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains, a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN Black Hymnal #2138

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

REFLECTION

Justice & Mercy

Rev. Katie Voigt

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nicole Heyl, vocal solo

Take These Ashes/To the Desert Follow Me

CONFESSION AND PARDON (Psalm 51:1-17, #785)

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

L: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

P: Behold I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

L: Let us now pray silently to God, taking our confession directly to God.

Time for silent confession

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

Merciful God, who meets us in our brokenness and leads us toward wholeness, as we offer these gifts, we also offer our hearts, seeking renewal and transformation. During this sacred Lenten journey, cleanse us from all that separates us from you and restore the joy of your salvation within us. May these offerings bring hope and healing to others, just as you continually renew us with your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #395**

Take Time to Be Holy

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING (Responsively)**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *You Deliver Me*

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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Thank you to Joyful Spirit United Methodist Church for joining us today and to Kim Schnoor for participating in worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Ash Wednesday

Greeters	6:30pm Only- Leta Sathoff
Ushers	Wayne Buck
Soundboard	Mike Lapke

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