



Online Bible Study (Lent):  
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm  
zoom link will be in the  
weekly Friday email

Riverside Park UMC Concert Series  
US Naval Academy Glee Club  
March 13th at 7:00 p.m.

**RPUMC CHURCH CAMPUS TOUR**  
MARCH 16TH @ 10AM  
MEET AT THE WELCOME TABLE  
WEAR COMFY SHOES

**HOLY WEEK** *Save the Date*

- ✓ Palm Sunday combined service and potluck lunch:  
Sunday, April 13 @ 10:30am
- ✓ Maundy Thursday Service: April 17th @6:30pm
- ✓ Good Friday Stations of the Cross: April 18th 9-7
- ✓ Easter Sunday: April 20, 2025:  
9am & 11am Worship Services



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*Merciful God  
Our lives are small and frail  
before the expanse of Your eternity.  
Our faithfulness comes in fits and starts  
while Your love never wavers.*

*Forgive us, Lord.  
Call us, again, from the dust of creation.  
Claim us, again, through the waters of baptism.  
In these forty days of Lent,  
walk us from ashes to resurrection,  
from the weight of sin to freedom,  
from repentance to rejoicing.  
Teach us to walk in the way that leads to life.*

*We need you, Lord.  
So come, Holy Spirit, Bringer of Life,  
Invite us and fill us with life anew.  
May this season be Holy.  
May our lives be Holy.  
May our dry and brittle souls  
find breath and life in You.  
Amen.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Made For More - Josh Baldwin  
Praise Team*

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return”  
(Gen. 3:19).

**These words remind us that without God, we are simply dust and ashes.**

“Repent and believe the Gospel” (Mark 1:15)

**These words invite us to turn and return to the source of abundant life.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins  
**God’s mercy endures forever.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

No. 353

**O God, maker of everything and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right and wholesome spirits within us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation, for it is in you that we place our hope. Amen.**

\*HYMN

No. 269

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51:1-17

Hymnal No. 785

MUSICAL OFFERING

Mueller

*Create in Me a Clean Heart  
Chancel Choir*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-2

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

Rev. Emily Knight

BLESSING OF THE 2025 CONFIRMATION JOURNEY:

Tallulah Henderson, Queen Contessa McCorkle, Queen Ezabella McCorkle, Queen Victoria McCorkle, Ellie Waters

BLESSING THE ASHES

Pastor: Why do we worship with ashes today?

**People: To remember that we are dust without God’s grace.**

Pastor: Why do we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross?

**People: To remember our sins—and how far Christ went to forgive them.**

Pastor: Mighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and repentance, so that we may remember that only by your precious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*All are invited to come and receive ashes marked on the forehead in the sign of the cross (as an alternative, you can hold your hand out and receive ashes on the back of your hand).*

*Turn Your Eyes - Sovereign Grace  
Praise Team*

\*ASSURANCE, PARDON, AND PEACE

Pastor: Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Turn toward your God in the confidence that, through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

\*HYMN

No. 415

*Take Up Thy Cross*

BENEDICTION