

Cuba Methodist Church

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday Service

4:00 P.M.

Gathering

As you begin this time of worship, take a few moments to center yourself before God – bring your present state of mind and preoccupations, as well as your desire to meet God during this time.

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, maker of everything and judge of all that you have made,

People: from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up.

Leader: By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts,

People: and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #223 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Scripture: Joel 2:12-19

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Hymn #611 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12

Sermon: “A Challenge for Ash Wednesday and Lent ”

Self-examination and Confession

(See insert or on Screen)

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Those who wish to do so, may come forward to have the sign of the cross placed on their foreheads or hands.

Prayer (Unison)

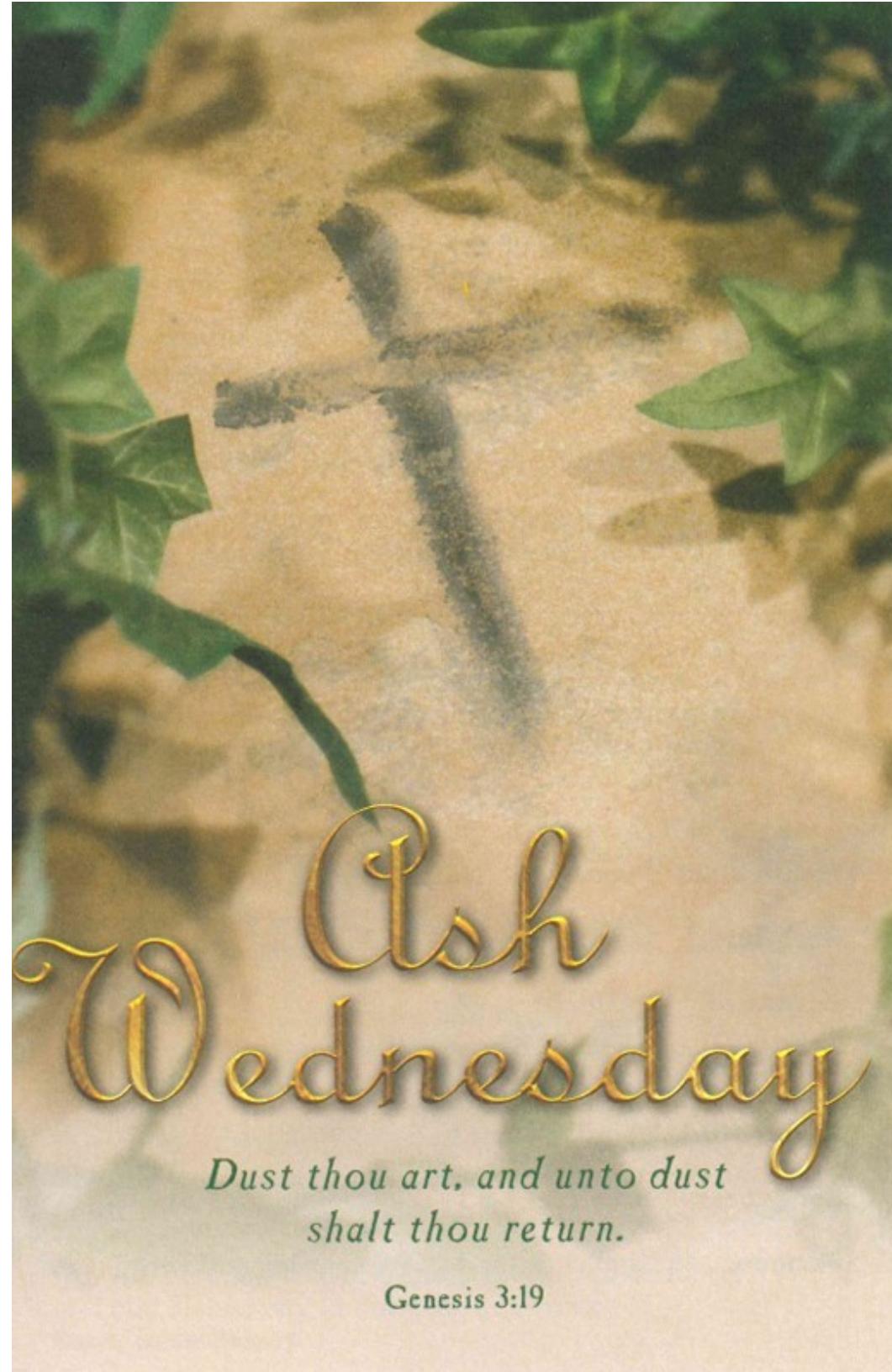
God, we are marked with ashes, symbols of repentant hearts and contrite spirits. We want to be transformed, to be made new, to learn the freedom of serving no other master but you. Let us heed your call, and walk with Christ into the wilderness. Help us to see beneath the surface; not denial and sacrifice, not sin and death, but transformation, new life in Christ. Let us seek to be changed, let us seek to be so transfigured by your power and glory that we desire above all else to be worthy citizens of your new world of peace and justice. Amen.

Hymn #316 “Take Time to Be Holy”

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace (Numbers 6:24-26). We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.



Ash Wednesday

*Dust thou art, and unto dust
shalt thou return.*

Genesis 3:19