



March 2, 2022 | ASH WEDNESDAY



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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331 S. Cooper Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85233

# Welcome!

Services at 6:30 • See [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for streaming information

Hearing-Assistive Devices, Large-Print Bulletins,  
Bibles and Hymnals are available from Usher

*\* Please stand as you are able*

**Pre-service Music:** “We Love You and Praise You” | “Cleansing Fountain”

*Harlan Rogers, publ. by Maranatha! Music arr. by Robert J. Hughes | arr. by Loni Smith, publ. by Lorenz*

## Ringing of the Bell

**Welcome and Greeting** Pastor Rick Casebolt and The Rev. Erika von Haaren

## Introit—Bringing in the Light of Christ

### Prelude

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”

*arranged by Robert J. Hughes, published Lorenz*

### \*Call to Worship

Pastor Diamond Pate

Leader: “Even now, declares the Lord, return to me  
with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12)

**People: Roll up your sleeves.**

Leader: Let down your guard.

**People: Come in from the storm.**

Leader: Make yourself at home.

**People: Pull up to the table.**

Leader: Release the tension in your jaw. Take a deep breath.  
Return to God with all your heart.

**All: May it be so.**

### \*Opening Hymn

“Take Time To Be Holy” vs. 1, 4

*UM Hymnal #395 WORDS: George C. Stebbins*

UMH #395



**Sermon**

The Rev. Erika von Haaren

**Call to the Observance of a Holy Lent**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, I confess: I don't return to you fully. I share with you the pieces of my life that are convenient. I put on different hats in different rooms. I forget that I am called, invited, and loved with all that I am—including my mess, my beauty, my faith, and my doubt. Forgive me, and give me a heart that longs to return.

**Absolution**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Ashes**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Imposition of the Ashes**

**\*Closing Hymn**            "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" vs. 1, 3, 5            **#357**  
*UM Hymnal #357 WORDS: Charlotte Elliott    MUSIC: William B. Bradley*

**\*Benediction and Recession**

**Postlude**

"The Peace of God"  
*by David Paxton; published by Lorenz*

*Thank you for joining our service this evening!*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Rick Casebolt  
Pastor Diamond Pate

RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE REV. ERIKA VON HAAREN  
THE REV. CRAIG SMITH, OB

PIANO AND ORGAN: Sylvia Moore