

*Palma Ceia and
First United Methodist Church*
Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 2010

PRELUDE "Adagio" J. S. Bach
"Just As I Am" arr. V. D. Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Larry E. Cook

L: Blessed is the Lord's name, for the gift of life flows from the creator.

C: He is the one who starts us on our journey and receives us at its conclusion.

L: Blessed is the Lord's name, for the love that pushes us into the journey of growth, the pilgrimage of faith.

C: In the spirit of this pilgrimage, let us worship.

+ HYMN **Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross** 301

OPENING PRAYER IN UNISON

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. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us clean hearts 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.

WELCOME OF GUEST Dr. Kevin M. James, Sr.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17** Amy Ridgewell
Palma Ceia United Methodist Church

GOSPEL LESSON **Romans 6:1-11** John Dowell
First United Methodist Church

WORSHIP WITH PRAYERS & OFFERINGS Xtreme Youth Ministries

SOLO Woody McDonell

MEDITATION "A Time of Refocusing" Rev. Michael Frazier, Pastor,
Luke 4:1-13 First United Methodist Church

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVATION OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE
THANKSGIVING OVER ASHES

+ **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

(The Congregation is invited to come forward to receive ashes on the forehead or hand as a mark of our mortality and of our need for God's grace and love in our lives.)

SPECIAL MUSIC **Woody McDonell & Robert Perkins**

(Please join in singing the following hymns – 1st & last verse)

"I Surrender All" 354
"In The Cross of Christ, I Glory" 295
"The Old Rugged Cross" 504

+ **THE PEACE**

(Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. All exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

+ HYMN "Soon and Very Soon" 706

+ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Minister

+ POSTLUDE "Fugue On the KYRIE" Francois Couperin
(+ Congregation Please Rise)

