



ASH WEDNESDAY
FINDING YOUR TREASURE

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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THE ORDER of WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

WORSHIP SONG..... “Just As I Am”

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10 (NRSV)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “Come Away With Me”

THE GOSPEL..... Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (NRSV)

HYMN “Change My Heart, O God”

THE GOSPEL..... Matthew 13:44-46 (NRSV)

THE MESSAGE..... “Finding Your Treasure”

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (SINS)

CLOSING HYMN..... “Be Thou My Vision” (No. 451)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preaching: Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgists: Pastor Jane Keller, Pastor Gene Liddick

Music: Sounds of Worship Choir, George Canonizado, Karen Philp,
.....Sarah Pugh

Sound & Media Team: Jason Kichline, Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols

Finding Your Treasure

1. A treasure is something that seizes your *heart*. You are willing to give up *everything* in pursuit of it.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
(Matthew 6:21)

2. The kingdom of heaven:

- Wherever God is

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

- Eternal life in heaven

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
(John 14:2)

- A vision of hope for the future

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.
(Revelation 21:1, 3-4)

- The fulfillment of God's promises in Christ.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.
(Philippians 2:9-11)

- Within you

3. How do we find the kingdom of heaven?

- We stumble upon it

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matthew 13:44)

- We find it after a long search.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45)

4. Those who find the hidden treasure sell everything!

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