

**Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide**  
**Sunday, February 26, 2022 | 10:00 A.M.**  
**1st Sunday In Lent**

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**Gathering Music**  
*Shout to the North*  
*God Really Loves Us*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**A Song of Praise:**  
*Your Grace Is Enough*

**Call to Worship from Psalm 107:1-9**

**Opening Prayer:**

Holy One, we are constantly bombarded  
with temptations and enticements.  
When we yield, when we fail, who will help us?  
You, Lord, have come to our aid.  
You teach us, counsel us, and guide us  
in the ways we should go.  
We rejoice in your unfailing love. Amen.

**Choral Anthem**

**A Time for Children with Diane Varnum**

**A Song of Preparation**  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, UMH #140

**Scripture: Daniel 9:3-19 (NRSV)**

3 Then I turned to the Lord God to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. 4 I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments, 5 we have sinned and done wrong, acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. 7 "Righteousness is on your side, O Lord, but open shame, as at this day, falls on us, the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them because of the treachery that they have committed against you. 8 Open shame, O Lord, falls on us, our kings, our princes, and our ancestors because we have sinned against you. 9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, but we have rebelled against him 10 and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11 "All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. So the curse and the oath written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out upon us because we

have sinned against you. 12 He has confirmed his words that he spoke against us and against our rulers by bringing upon us a calamity so great that what has been done against Jerusalem has never before been done under the whole heaven. 13 Just as it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us. We did not entreat the favor of the Lord our God, turning from our iniquities and reflecting on his fidelity. 14 So the Lord kept watch over this calamity until he brought it upon us. Indeed, the Lord our God is right in all that he has done, for we have disobeyed his voice. 15 "And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and made your name renowned even to this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly. 16 O Lord, in view of all your righteous acts, let your anger and wrath, we pray, turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because of our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors, Jerusalem and your people have become a disgrace among all our neighbors. 17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his supplication, and for your own sake, Lord, let your face shine upon your desolated sanctuary. 18 Incline your ear, O my God, and hear. Open your eyes and look at our desolation and the city that bears your name. We do not present our supplication before you on the ground of our righteousness but on the ground of your great mercies. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and act and do not delay! For your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people bear your name!"

This Is the Word of God, do you believe It?  
**Yes, we believe It!**

**Sermon: Ashes to Ashes—God Remains Faithful**

**A Time of Prayer**

**A Time of Giving**

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**A Song of Invitation**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*, UMH #452

**Benediction**

**Congregational Benedictional: The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.

**Postlude**

