

Lent Opportunities and Holy Week 2025



Bible Study
Wednesday Nights
March 19-April 16
6pm-7:15p



Tuesday Services
March 11- April 8
Noon



Palm Sunday
April 13
10:30am Service



Maundy Thursday
April 17
6pm Service



Good Friday
April 18
3pm Service



Egg Hunt
April 12
10:30a-12:00pm



Easter Sunrise
April 20
7am Service



Easter Sunday
April 20
10:30am Service



Lent is a 40 day period (not including Sundays) that runs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. These 40 days of Lent commemorate the 40 days where Jesus fasted in the wilderness before beginning his earthly ministry. This season is one where we as Christians have the opportunity to spiritually prepare for Easter.

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Church Office Hours
Monday- Thursday- 8:30am-3:00pm
Friday- Closed

Ash Wednesday
Order of Worship
6:00 p.m. • March 5, 2025

Please enter the sanctuary in silence for a time of prayer and meditation.

*If you choose, you may light a candle as a symbol of your prayer
and spend time at the altar in prayer before the service begins.*

Prelude

J. S. Bach

Jesu, My Joy

Wes Kirkpatrick, organist

***Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

***Prayer (unison prayer)**

Almighty and everlasting God, you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us for fellowship with you. You brought about our redemption through Jesus Christ to restore us to fellowship with you. Today we acknowledge you as our Creator and Redeemer. We acknowledge the frailty of our lives, the pain of our sinfulness, and even the weakness of our faith. Work in us we pray a spirit of true humility and fervor, as we join in prayer to offer ourselves to you. Amen.

***Hymn** *Come and Find the Quiet Center* TFWS 2128

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Special Music *Change My Heart O God* Tracy Thomas
Arr. Joel Raney

Sermon Text Psalm 51: 1-17
UMH 785

Meditation Rev. Jim McKinney

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: *Dear God, thank you for all that is good: for our creation and our humanity, for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth, for the gifts of life and of one another, for your love which is unbounded and eternal. O thou, most holy and beloved, our Companion, our Guide upon the way, our bright evening star. We repent the wrongs we have done.*

Silent Confession

We have wounded those you love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. **Living flame, burn into us; cleansing wind, blow through us; fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.**

Pardon

May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept your repentance, forgive your sins and restore you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* UMH 453

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Congregation stand as able.

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