

# 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**

Arr. Joel Raney

*Change My Heart O God*

Tracy Thomas

**Sermon Text**

UMH 785

Psalm 51: 1-17

**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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