



Ash Wednesday | Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | Easter Sunday

LENT BANNERS

The season of Lent provides a blessed opportunity for reflection as we approach the altar of our Lord's sacrifice with hope in His mercy. The seasonal wall hangings (paraments) reflect the themes and color of this liturgical season. The purple of Lent represents sorrow and repentance. Grey, the color of ashes, calls us back to Ash Wednesday, when we received this symbol of mourning and humility on our foreheads. The tan fabric suggests desert sands and the arid nature of sin. The coarse ropes suspended between the fabric panels also carry symbolic meaning. The five groupings of ropes remind us of the five wounds Christ bore on the cross. The rope itself is a symbol of the betrayal of Christ as the soldiers bound him after the kiss of Judas. The stones, woven into the ropes, represent the sin that weighs down our souls. The knots in the ropes suggest the discord in our families, the hurts between married couples, and the absence of peace and joy caused by our pride and failure to depend on God. These paraments provide a visual reminder of the mercy God offers us not only in the Lenten Season but also throughout the entire year.



Wednesdays, February 21 - Mar 27 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Room 350 & Zoom



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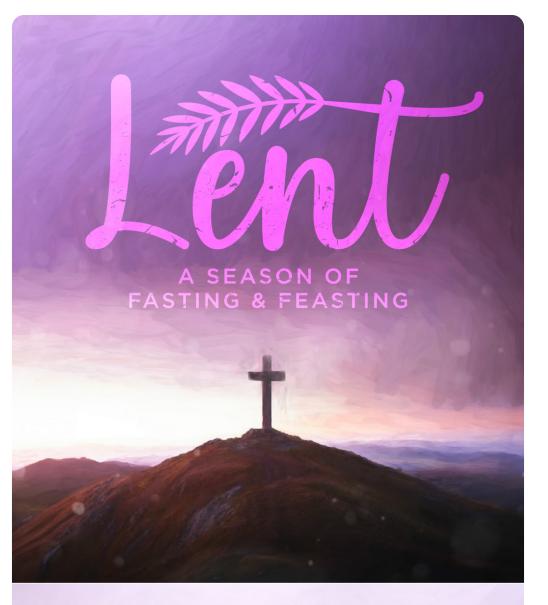
Tuesday, March 5 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm | Wesley Hall | \$20



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Traditional Worship Service February 25, 2024 | 11:00 am

"Lent: A Season of Fasting and Feasting"

Mark 10:35-45

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Choral Introit: "Jubilant Song"

Norman Dello Joio, composer A&M Commerce Choir Dr. Randy Hooper, director

Welcome

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Prelude: Fugue on the "Kyrie"

François Couperin, composer Peggy Graff, organist

*Call to Worship

Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD, Associate Pastor

One: In this important season we learn that we are important to God and that each person is valued, so lay down titles and positions and pick up the threads of fellowship and joining with our neighbors let us worship God who calls one and all to join him in the journey of love. What is the greatest gift of life?

All: To know we are made in the image of God.

Leader: What does that require of us? All: To love our neighbor as ourself. Leader: Where does that take us?

All: To a place where we see all are equal.

Leader: Come then to worship in that place where God's people find the fullness of life and learn to share its fullness with others.

All: Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

*Hymn 61: "Come Thou Almighty King"

*Affirmation of Faith 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic° church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*Gloria Patri 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Please be seated

Faith Like a Child

"Mister Mark" Burrows. Director of Children's Ministries

*Hymn 452: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Scripture: Mark 10:32-52

JonAnna Reidinger, lay reader

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Lent: A Season of Fasting and Feasting

Rev. Lance Marshall. Senior Pastor

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13)

Prayer Response: Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina composer

Offertory: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

John Ferguson, arranger Lyndsey Walker, viola

*Doxology 95

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

*Benediction

One: Our gathering will soon be ended. Where will we go, and what will we do?

All: We will go out to be God's people in the world.

One: May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

*Choral Benediction: "I'm Gonna Sing"

Moses Hogan, arranger

*Postlude: "Herzliebster Jesu" (Ah, Jesus Dear)

Johannes Brahms, composer

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Please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance pad as it comes by or registering on-line.

Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand as you are able.

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