

The Daily Labyrinth

A Lenten Devotional

This Lent, we invite you to walk the path with intention through The Daily Labyrinth, a brief daily devotional designed to center your heart and focus your spirit during the Lenten season.



Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 5

Traditional Service

8:00 & 11:00 am

Sanctuary | Livestream at 11:00

The Gathering

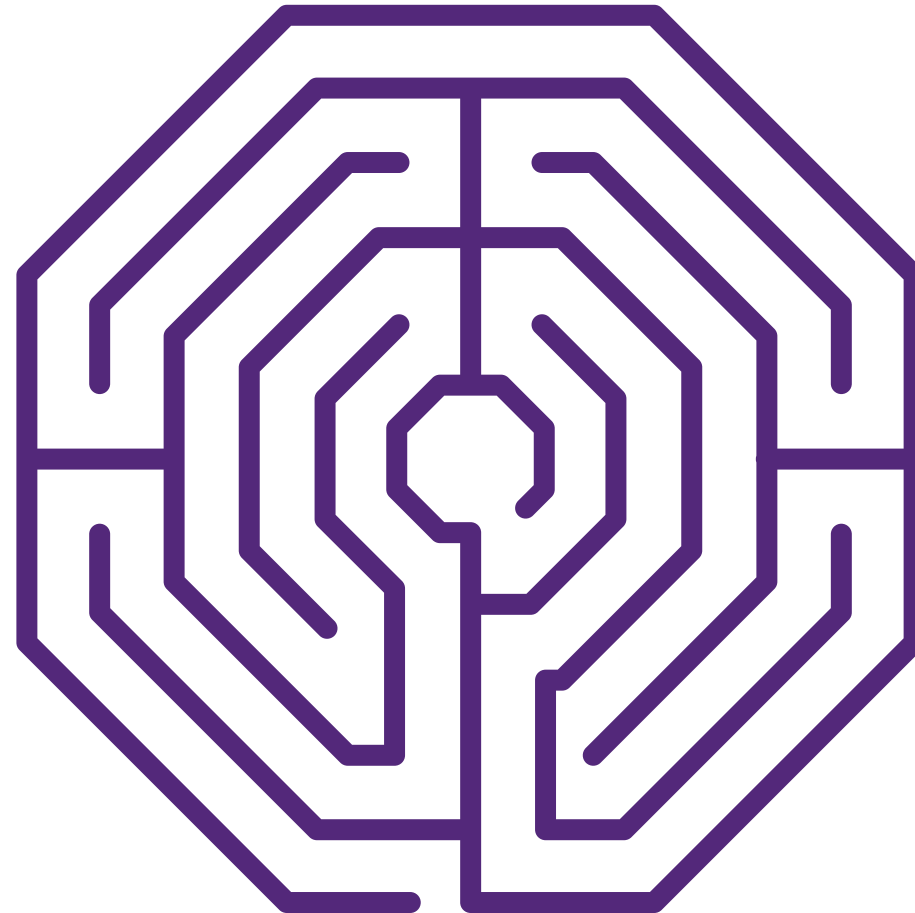
9:30 am | Sanctuary | Livestream

11:00 am | Wesley Hall

Lenten Labyrinth



Sundays, February 22, March 8 & March 22 | 9:00 am – 12:15 pm | Wesley Hall



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service
February 18, 2026 | noon and 7:00 pm

“Plot Twists”

Joel 2:12-17, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor (noon)

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor (7:00)

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

MONDAY MUSERS

Lenten Study



Mondays, February 23 – March 30 | 1:00 pm | Room 350



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Welcome

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor (noon)
Dr. Jenn Pick, Associate Pastor (7:00 pm)

Opening Prayer

Organ Voluntary: “O Mensch, bewein’ dein’ Sünde groß” (noon) (O man, bewail thy grievous sin)

J. S. Bach, composer
Peggy Graff, organ

*Call to Worship

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor (noon)

One: We gather to begin a twisting journey from ashes into new life.

All: We are coming home.

One: With forty days to slow our steps, to listen for grace that unsettles and restores,

All: We are coming home.

One: Walking through the wilderness, honest about our brokenness and our longing,

All: We are coming home.

One: Marked by a cross as beloved and forgiven people,

All: We are coming home.

One: Made of earth, breathed into by God, held even in our dust and doubt,

All: We are coming home.

One: Grace in our hearts, turning us toward what gives life,

All: We are coming home.

One: God in our hearts, God in our lives,

All: From ashes into new life, God calls us to come home. Amen.

*Hymn 348: “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling“

Scripture: Joel 2:12-17, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: “Sunday’s Palms are Wednesday’s Ashes”

Sermon: “The Beginning in Dust”

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor (noon)

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor (7:00)

Offertory: “Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

arr. Richard Walters
Alison Haygood, soprano” (noon)

“Create in Me” (7:00 pm)

Victor C. Johnson, arranger
Choral Union
Thomas Williams, director

Prayer of Confession

One: Holy God, we are reminded today that we are dust, and to dust we shall return.

All: Only by your Spirit and your power do you give us life.

One: You are the source of all hope and all becoming. You speak new life into old dust. You turn endings into beginnings.

All: Only you can make all things new.

One: Only you can take our hearts, every hardened edge, every measured beat, and create something new within us.

All: You are the source of mercy and love.

One: And so we confess: we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not trusted your way.

All: We have shared with you only what was convenient.

One: We have resisted the turns you offered. We have clung to what felt certain and forgotten that we are called, invited, and beloved.

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: Turn us again toward your goodness and grace. Create in us hearts that long for you. Lead us home by the way of your mercy.

Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Litany of Response

One: We’ve taken palms from the Passion procession, palms from the entry into Jerusalem and burned them to begin the living out of Lent. We now wear the ashes of mourning;

All: for we will no longer be who we were.

One: We wear the ashes of humility;

All: for we are made from earth and to the earth we will return.

One: We wear the ashes of repentance;

All: for we wish to roll away the stone.

One: We wear the ashes of rebirth;

All: for the grain of wheat when it dies to the ground will bear fruit.

One: We wear the ashes of the dead;

All: for through Christ’s death we are offered new life. These ashes mark who we are and what we will become.

One: We wear the sign of the cross knowing God’s light is revealed where there’s darkness.

All: We will hold on to the light, even as we wear these ashes. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Time of Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn: “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Benediction

*Postlude: “Elegy ”

John Fey, composer
Music during the imposition of ashes at 7:00
“Peace”
by Sigurd M. Øgaard
Laura Pollack, violin Peggy Graff, organ

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