

Welcome to worship at New Hanover

Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021

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Introduction - Join us on the Journey of Healing through Lent.

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

Prelude *Partita on He Leadeth Me* Charles Callahan

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Welcome

Opening Dialogue and Hymn

Leader
freely




Come and see, the time is here.

All




Now is the day of sal - va - tion.

Leader



Turn to us, O sav - ing God.

All



Let your light shine in our dark - ness.

Leader
a tempo



Come, a - bide a - mong us now.

All

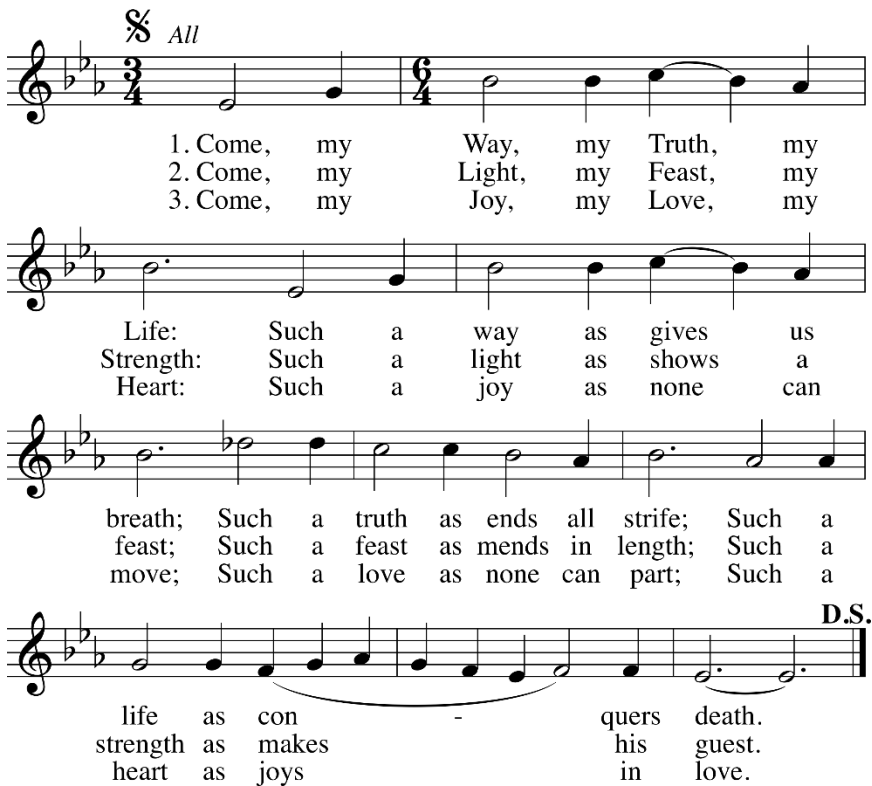


Bring to the world a - bun - dant



life.

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 *All*

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my
 2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my
 3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my

Life: Such a way as gives us
 Strength: Such a light as shows a
 Heart: Such a joy as none can

breath; Such a truth as ends all strife; Such a
 feast; Such a feast as mends in length; Such a
 move; Such a love as none can part; Such a

D.S.

life as con - quers death.
 strength as makes his guest.
 heart as joys in love.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

God's mercy, grace, and peace be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

As tender as parent to child, O God, so gently are you to the poor.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is your love for the world. As far as east is from the west, so far you remove our sin.

Remember how we are made, O God, remember we are dust. Heal our lives, renew our strength, and crown us with your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Psalm 103



Antiphon



Re - turn, re - turn to God, who is



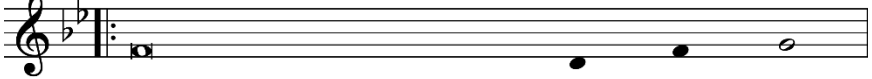
gra-cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and a -



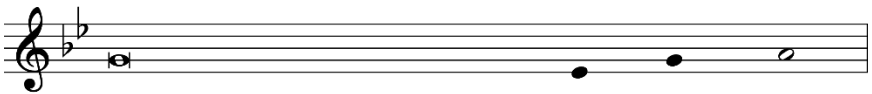
bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Verses 1 and 2

Group I

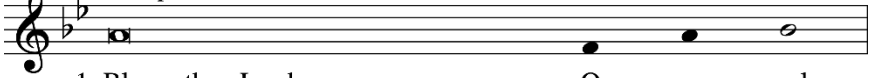


1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
2. who forgives all your in - iquity,

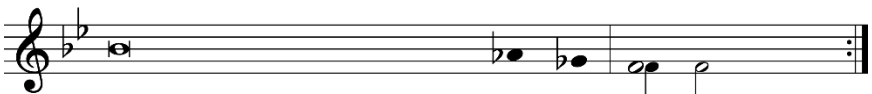


1. and all that is within me bless God's ho - ly name.
2. who heals all your dis - eases,

Group II



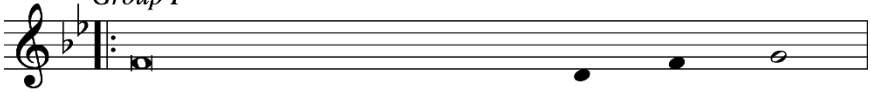
1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
2. who redeems your life from the Pit,



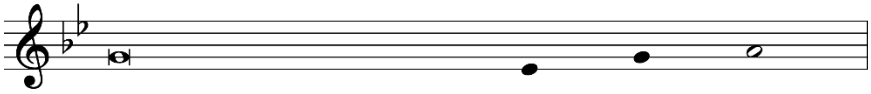
1. and do not forget all God's ben - e - fits, To Verse 2
2. who crowns you with steadfast love and mer-cy. To Antiphon

Verses 3 and 4

Group I

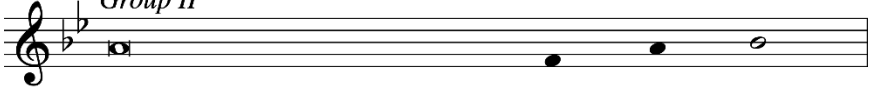


3. God satisfies you with good as long as you live
4. God knows how we were made,



3. so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
4. and remembers that we are dust.

Group II



3. God will not al - ways ac - cuse,
4. God's love en - dures for - ever.



3. nor will God's anger last for - ever. *To Verse 4*
4. God's righteousness is ev - er - last - ing. *To Antiphon*

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Gospel Hymn

What Wondrous Love This Is

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Storing Up & Letting Go

Intercessions

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for everyone in need, here and throughout the world.



Refrain

All



Watch, O Lord, with all those a - wake this night,



Watch, O Lord, with all those who weep; Give your



an-gels and saints charge o-ver all who sleep.

Verses

Leader/Cantor

All



- 1. Tend your ail - ing ones:
- 2. Soothe your suf - f'ring ones: in your love, Lord;
- 3. Hold your griev - ing ones:
- 4. Guard your lit - tle ones:

Leader/Cantor

All



- Rest your wea - ry ones:
- Heal af - flict - ed ones: in your love, Lord;
- Raise your fall - en ones:
- Guide your seek - ing ones:

Leader/Cantor

All

To Refrain



- Bless your dy - ing ones:
- Shield your joy - ous ones: in your love, O Lord of all.
- Mend your bro - ken ones:
- Grant us all your peace:

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most holy and merciful God,
**we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole
company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our
own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have
not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We
have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your
Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that
have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

The Imposition of Ashes

Please make a sign of the cross on your forehead or wrist with your pre mixed ashes, or spread ashes on the ground, then say: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
Bring us with all our saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Sending

Announcements

Nunc Dimittis

All

Now Lord, you let your
ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful - filled. My
own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a
light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace.

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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Leader *freely* *All*

Bless God's ho - ly Name. Thanks be to God.

Leader

Almighty God bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

All
a tempo

A - men, A - men,
A - men.

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Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

"The Worship has ended, please go in peace."

Postlude

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

David Paxton

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Announcements

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom at 11:00 AM on Sunday, February 28th. Information to join the meeting is included in the mailing you will receive. Call (610) 326-1335 for more information or help.

The Picnic Grove committee is hosting a **take-out spaghetti dinner** on Saturday, March 20th. Enjoy delicious spaghetti with homemade sauce, homemade meatballs, homemade bread, salad and for desert, Pizzelle. The cost is \$10 per meal and are ordered in units of one or two to simplify packing. Multiple meals will be packaged family style. Orders may be placed online at www.newhanoverluthran.org or call the church office at (610) 326-1335. Please designate your pickup time of 4:00, 4:30, 5:00 or 5:30 with your order. Orders are due by Monday, March 15th. Pick up your dinner on March 20th at the church kitchen door at your selected pickup time.

Have a pastoral emergency? Call the church office at (610) 326-1335 ext. 1 to contact Pastor Scott.

Staff, committee and board reports for 2020 are due. Email your report to Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at susan.gutshall@comcast.net.

Several seats on the Congregation Council are available for next year and you are invited to join them! Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month to discuss and make decisions about the life and ministries of the congregation. Contact Steve Eisenhart, Pastor Scott or any current council member for more information or if you're interested in participating. Other members of Council are: Robin Fatzinger, Scott Geiser, Nevada Grant, Jim Gross, Marty Hauser, Vicki Mutter, Barbara Repa, Sally Sugita and Andy Van Dyke.

Garden of Hope NHEL is partnering with Trellis for Tomorrow for an innovative organic gardening program onsite at NHEL. Helpers are needed to serve as data manager, pantry relations and logistics, community/corporate liaison, day captains and event/engagement coordinator. For more information about this program, look for the flyer in a recent mailing.

Have an idea for the Garden of Hope logo? Details and contest rules will be included in the next mailing.

Faith Formation

Parents of Nursery-Grade 2 students – an email has been sent to you about the opportunity to purchase the Spark Story Bible, a Bible written expressly for this age group. It would be a wonderful faith formation resource to have on hand to share with your child. We would like to get the order in so if you let Deacon Carol know as soon as possible, that would be most appreciated!

We have an **online Winter Family Faith Formation resource!** Each week our Sunday School families will be directly emailed a link to that coming Sunday's learning experience. Watch for the link to come towards the end of the week. The resources are geared towards elementary aged children but can be adapted for younger children and youth. Contact Deacon Carol with any questions or if you are not on the current Sunday School Family email list and would like to receive these mailings.

Another faith formation link is available. Called "**Parent Pause**" this link features a simple question each week for parents to just ponder throughout the following seven days. Feel free to email Deacon Carol any insights, questions, etc. This link can be found on NHELIC's Faith Formation page on the church website, www.newhanoverlutheran.org.

Save the Date for Camp Falckner 2021 An overnight camping experience for youth completing fifth – twelfth grade will be held July 27th – 30th in the New Hanover Lutheran Church picnic grove. Watch for registration and more details.

A reminder to fill out the **Sunday School Registration Form** on the Faith Formation page on the church website (newhanoverlutheran.org). By registering, you will receive communications about future faith formation opportunities. Also, there is an **Adult Faith Formation Form** for those who are interested in future learning opportunities like book discussions, etc.

Check out the virtual Bible Study on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch and the church's website at www.newhanoverlutheran.org each week beginning on Wednesday. The Bible study is a joint venture between Pastor Scott and Pastor Mary Ann Harris Siefke from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville. The two pastors discuss the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday service, sharing their personal thoughts on what the Holy Spirit is leading them to teach.

Feeling a little stressed these days? Check out a link for "Prayers for When You Feel Anxious Coloring Pages" on the Faith Formation page under the "Faith Formation Moments" section of our NHELCC website. They are downloadable and for all ages. The prayers are wonderful spiritual pick-me-ups!

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELCC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information is kept confidential. Contact Deacon Carol with your prayer request at caroldetweiler@comcast.net or call the church office and leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be "delivered"!

Food Ministry

Over 20,000 Meals Delivered

Drivers are needed to deliver meals on Wednesdays and/or Sundays at 2:15 PM. To signup, go to www.signupgenius.com then login using the email address marsha.staub@comcast.net. Need help signing up? Email Marsha or contact Pastor Scott to help.

Drop off your grocery donations on Sunday from 1-2 PM at the church kitchen entrance door. Someone will collect your items at the door and if they are busy, please place the items on a cart outside the door. Someone will take them inside shortly. Thank you for all your generosity in helping feed our neighbors. Chicken, beef, fresh fruit, pasta, frozen veggies and snacks are

always welcomed and if in doubt, feel free to bring in any non-perishable food item.

Monetary donations for this ministry are appreciated. Go to our website using the link here: <http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/giving.php>. Also, donations can be put in our mail slot located at the church fellowship hall entrance. Be sure to designate on your check or envelope “Food Ministry.”

Know someone in the community who needs meals? Email Sally Sugita at sallysugita@yahoo.com with the person’s name, number of people in the household and the address.

Thank you for your support.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Gene Reider, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Karen Trout, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Susie Edwards, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Carly, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Donna Kehs, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Marlyn Bieleski, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Russ and Lenore Gates, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Linda Norton, Alyssa Dierolf, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Debra Kissinger, Bobbie, Steve, Matt, Bob and Cindy, Ken Jacobs, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Doris Gross, Pam Helfrich

The victims and families of the hurricanes, wildfires and floods
Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Jean Caputo, Shannon, John, Jean Boyer, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Mark Noecker

Grieving

Family and friends of Jim Steber (Ruth Fisher's husband)

Shut-ins

Penny Frymoyer, Fran E. Weaver, Doris Renninger, Janet Deloplaine, Wade Miller

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, Temperance Leister, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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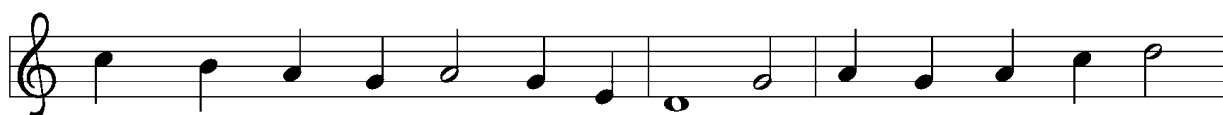
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What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



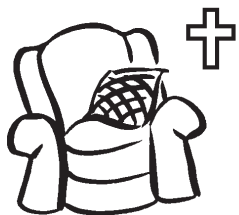
soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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Send

A place of prayer

Jesus taught us to find a place to pray quietly. Color in the cross by each picture that shows a place where you can pray.



Have an older person in your family help you make a prayer corner in your home.



Dear Jesus, I'm glad I can pray in quiet and noisy places. You always hear my prayers. Amen



4. Pray

This week

Find time to talk to God every day.

Kids Celebrate

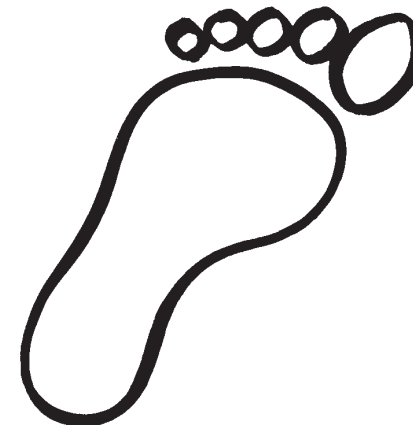
Ash Wednesday



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the church season called Lent. Lent lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays). What changes do you see in your worship space?

Can you find shoes for a journey at the top of this page? Draw your shoes inside this footprint.



Some people call Lent a journey or a trip. The end of the trip is Easter! Follow the footprints to find out what four things people do on their 40-day Lenten journey.



1. Listen to stories about Jesus

Hear & Celebrate

Jesus, our teacher

Matthew 6:1-6

Jesus was a teacher. He taught people how to follow God's word. One of Jesus' teachings was to give to people in need. What can you give? _____



Five things you can give are hidden in the picture on this page.

Circle a cereal box, a coin, a pair of shoes, a can of food, and a shirt.



2. Give

The cross

On Ash Wednesday people may receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. The ashes remind us that we are sorry for the bad things we do. The cross reminds us of our baptism and of Jesus, who died for us.

Every day during Lent, make the sign of the cross to remind you that you are a baptized child of God.

God be in my head.
(Touch forehead)

God be in my heart.
(Touch chest)

God be on my left.
(Touch left shoulder)

God be on my right.
(Touch right shoulder)



3. Worship