

Lent 2022 Communicator

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A Note From Pastor Mary

As we begin Lent, I want to personally invite you to our services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Wednesday, March 2nd, you are invited to gather in the sanctuary at 7 pm for the distribution of ashes, readings, and music. There will be a digital Ash Wednesday service as well. Maundy Thursday, April 14th, we will remember Jesus' passion as we take Communion together also beginning at 7 pm Good Friday, April 15th, we will hear the last words of Jesus and contemplate the journey of the cross that takes us to the Resurrection on Easter morning. There will be a digital Good Friday service offered to the community as well.

During Lent, we often give something up and/or take something up. This Lent, I invite you to take up the practice of daily prayer for our world and for our community, and for ourselves. I invite you to remember how God walks with us in all things, no matter how difficult, and supports us in our joys. I invite you to begin a set-aside time for a few minutes every day and allow yourself to know the presence of the Holy with you.

Light and grace,
Pastor Mary

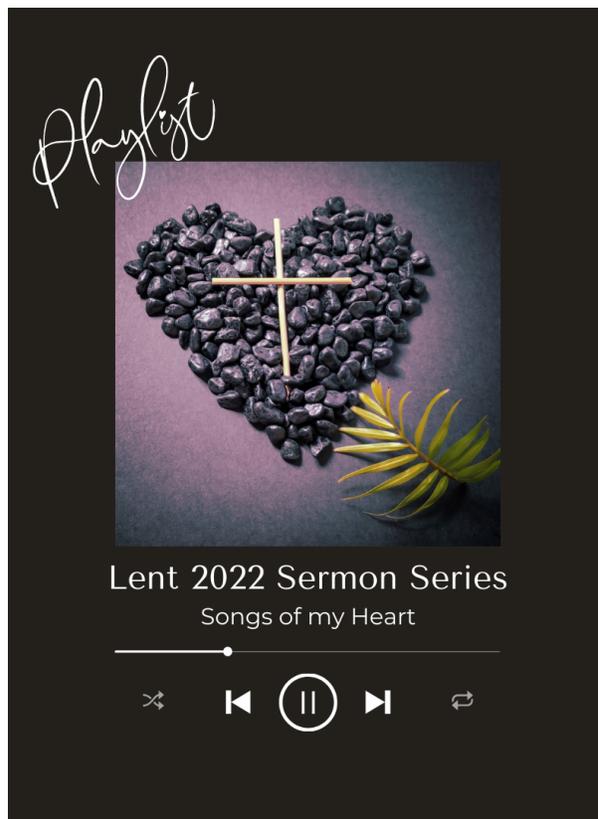
Lent Sermon Series

Sermon Series

As we enter Lent, our sermon series will be Songs of the Heart. Each week we will explore a different hymn or song that invites us to touch into the way music has shaped us, changed us, comforted us or challenged us. We will also hear from different voices.

- On March 6th, Rev. Cindy Hickman will be with us as we enter into Lord of the Dance.
- On March 13th Lindsay Drake will share with us For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table.
- Lauren Loonsfoot will take us on a journey with Amazing Grace on March 20th.
- On the 27th, I will be devoting my message at 9 am to Ten Thousand Reasons and the Choir will perform Handel's Messiah at the 11:00 am service that day.
- On April 3rd, we enter into the great message celebrating creation with How Great Thou Art.
- Patrick Gagnon will offer his amazing musical talents on Palm Sunday with a selection of music on April 10th.
- Easter Sunday we will celebrate with the great hymn of the faith, Christ the Lord is Risen Today.

Lenten Sermon Series starts on March 6th



Messiah Part 2

Sunday, March 27 at the 11:00 am service will feature music from Part 2 of Messiah by George Frederick Handel. The Chancel Choir and Orchestra will be joined by soloists from the Iowa State University Department of Music and Theater.

Small Groups

Lenten Opportunities

How are you centering your heart and mind on God this Lenten season? Are you looking to join a small group, use a devotional every day or pray daily? Whatever it is that is helping you to focus on God, we hope that you can find a connection here at Collegiate/Wesley. There are so many great ways to support you on your Lenten journey.

All Ages Edible Theology

All ages are welcome and invited to partake in this Lenten small group. We will journey together as we learn about Lent all while making bread/crackers together. Each week we will focus on a story and make something delicious to enjoy at home after class. We will gather in the Wesley Hall kitchen on Sundays from 1:00-2:30 pm, March 6th- April 3rd <https://cwames.churchcenter.com/groups/small-groups/edible-theology>.



Devotionals

You can pick up the free Lenten daily devotionals at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. There are also books and devotionals for purchase (suggested \$10 each) at the Welcome Center.

Adult Opportunities

Small Groups are a great way to stay connected and focused on God. There are several opportunities, including Adult Sunday School classes and small groups. Two Adult Sunday School classes are studying Amy-Jill Levine's book, Witness at the Cross. Check out our Sunday school page, <https://cwames.churchcenter.com/groups/adult-sunday-school> for more information and to sign up.



Children and Youth Sunday School Classes will Journey Through Lent as well at the 10:00 am hour on Sunday mornings

Online Opportunity

Want to join an online community? Homebrewed Christianity is offering an online community called "Jesus De/Constructed" this Lent with an asynchronous schedule that can fit into anyone's schedule. The suggested cost for this course is \$99 with a "pay as you can" option. This course is not sponsored by Collegiate/Wesley, but the work of Homebrewed Christianity fits nicely with our purpose and picture. Check out <https://tinyurl.com/5y2ux95f> for more information.

Lenten Special Offerings

Kate Mitchell Elementary Library



A picture from Kate Mitchell Elementary section titled, Everybody Section

Books for Kids!

Kate Mitchell Elementary Library

During the season of Lent we will be collecting monetary donations as well as physical books for the Kate Mitchell Elementary. Earlier this year we were informed that Kate Mitchell was looking for support in updating their library. The main request on their list? Biographies! How cool is that? They have put together a wish list that you can find on our website under coming up or [here](#). Please only purchase books from this list so we know what books are purchased and they are the correct ones needed for the library. We will also be collecting monetary donations as they can make the money stretch further through wholesale book retailers. During this season we will keep you updated and share more information in worship.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday we invite you to come and wave palm fronds with us as we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem. Patrick will guide us through the service focusing on What Wonderful Love. Worship with us at 8:00 am Digitally, 9:00 am and 11:00 am for in person worship.



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday, April 14th, we will remember Jesus' passion as we take Communion together. This service will be located in Wesley Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday

Good Friday, April 15th, we will hear the last words of Jesus and contemplate the journey of the cross that takes us to the Resurrection on Easter morning. Join us at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary for our Good Friday service. There will be a digital Good Friday service that you can view posted earlier in the day.

Easter Sunday

There is something about celebrating an Easter morning with those you love. And we love you! Come and celebrate on Sunday, April 17th with us at 9:00 and 11:00 am. Digital Worship will be available at 8:00 am. We will have an Easter egg hunt for the kids between services during the Sunday School hour at 10:00 am.

