



CLOSING HYMN
Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain;
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Rev. Penny Ford, Rev. Kay Mutert, Dr. Kevin Chance

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP Trinity Choir with Dr. Kevin Chance
O Love by Elaine Hagenberg

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

* HYMN Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (vs 1-2) #402

PSALM 51:1-12 Rev. Kay Mutert

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

MEDITATION "Waking Up" Rev. Penny Ford

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

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.

IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES

*A minister will make the sign of the cross on your forehead or hand with the palm
ashes. Afterwards you may pray at the altar or return to your seat.*

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BLESSING

GOING FORTH

* Please stand as you are able

WANT TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE? Do you want a closer relationship with God?

**You might start with letting go or taking on something for Jesus.
Here are a few ideas for Lent.**

Practice listening with love.

Instead of arguing, listen for the pain and struggles of another person.
Be present without trying to fix or correct others.

Change your habits.

Identify one hurtful habit and replace it with something positive.

Make time for God.

Spend 30 minutes a day in silence and prayer.
Pray for others you see at work or in class. Worship weekly.

Cultivate a life of gratitude.

Write a thank you letter to someone every day.
Make a list of all the people who have helped you along the way.

Seek out stories of courage and hope.

Learn from others and look for how God is at work in their lives.

Let go.

Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself).
Stop trying to be perfect (or right) and focus on being faithful.

Step out of your comfort zone.

Be a friend to someone who is very different from you.
Practice radical hospitality. Speak up for others.

Give generously.

Volunteer one hour a week to make a positive difference for others.
Share your talents, money, self with an open heart.

You are invited to a
LENTEN COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays at noon Lunch provided

March 3 Hosted by Trinity United Methodist
Speaker: Dr. Joseph Scrivner

Dr. Scrivner is the pastor of Brown Memorial Presbyterian
Church and Old Testament Professor at Stillman College.



LENT is a season of the Christian Year when Christians focus on simple living, prayer, giving and fasting in order to grow closer to God. It begins Ash Wednesday (February 26 this year) and ends Easter Sunday which is April 12. It is 40 days long excluding Sundays, because every Sunday is like a little Easter.

On **ASH WEDNESDAY** people are marked with the sign of the cross with palm ashes. The minister will make a small cross on your forehead or the back of your hand by smudging palm ashes, sometimes mixed with a little oil. While the palm ashes remind us of our mortality and sin, the cross reminds us of Jesus' resurrection (life after death) and forgiveness. It's a powerful, non-verbal way that we can experience God's grace and renewal as we commit ourselves to Christ this season.

Everyone is welcome to receive the ashes or not, as you wish.
May God bless our time of prayer together.

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