

Sunday Morning Worship Lent 2021

Sunday, February 21

Lent 1: **Deep in the sea: Called to deep relationship**
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, February 28

Lent 2: **Deep in the woods: Called to deep commitment**
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Sunday, March 7

Lent 3: **Deep in the changing sky: Called to deep wisdom**
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 14

Lent 4: **Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing**
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Sunday, March 21

Lent 5: **Deep in the earth: Called to deep growth**
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Sunday, March 28

Palm: **Deep in the current: Called to deep hope**
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11;
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Sunday, April 4

Easter: **Deep in the feast: Called to deep living**
Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18
10:30 a.m. Worship

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Midweek Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, February 17

**8 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Via Zoom (details forthcoming)**

Maundy Thursday, April 1

**6:30 p.m. Faith Statements
Via Zoom (details forthcoming)**

Good Friday, April 2

Details TBA

Going deeper in confession...

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Repentance, acknowledgement, and the need to give and receive forgiveness. These deep spiritual practices are woven into the fabric of our Christian faith. We know that throughout history and within all Christian traditions, the church has not always been wise in helping the faithful understand how confession works in life-giving or healthy ways. At various times confession and assurance have been used as tools of oppression rather than agents of healing and restoration. During this Lenten season of going deeper, we have an opportunity to reflect on the ways we have directly or indirectly participated in actions that have caused harm to others or to the environment. We can identify and own both intentional and unintentional complicity that goes beyond our individual personal action. We can own the ways that corporate actions, as institutions and communities, have thwarted God's intention for the wholeness and wellbeing of all creation. We can repent and commit to action that promotes healing and restoration. Each Sunday during Lent we will offer a confession that acknowledges corporate offenses, repentance, and our desire to turn to God.

Deepest calls to deep

The Scriptures for Lent this year include stories, songs, and promises that call us to identify what is essential, what really matters, who we are at our core, and what God asks (and doesn't ask) of us. In the Scriptures and the traditions of Lent we return again with renewed interest to what we have previously discovered in our journey with God, and go deeper. The call to go deeper can be frightening or overwhelming when we feel we are not ready and do not know what we will find. But the theme: *Deep calls to deep* (Psalm 42:7) resounds from a place where God abides and in a place deep within us as well. *Deep calls to deep* echoes God's invitation to receive the words of love spoken to Jesus at his baptism as spoken to us as well: *You are my Beloved; with you I am well pleased*. Live deeply into this blessing throughout Lent.

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