

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN LENT

10:30am worship – sanctuary

February 22 – Lent I

Scripture: Mt 4:1-11

Sermon: *Wealth, Security and Command*

March 1 – Lent II

Holy Communion

Scripture: Gen 12:1-4a, Rm 4:1-5, 13-17

Sermon: *I Can't Make You Love Me*

March 8 – Lent III

Birthday Sunday

Scripture: Ps 95, Jn 4:5-15

Sermon: *Come to the Water*

March 15 – Lent IV

Scripture: 1 Sam 16:1-13, Eph 5:8-14

Sermon: *Revealed by the Light*

March 22 – Lent V

Scripture: Ez 37:1-14, Jn 11:1-45

Joliene Wade Gatlin, guest preacher

March 29 – Lent VI

Palm/Passion Sunday

Scripture: Mt 21:1-11, Mt 27:27-37

Sermon: *Lux Aeterna*

POEMS AT PEACE

9-10am every Sunday – Education Building

A sacred circle for sharing, poetry & meditation

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

BRING A BELL for our

RESURRECTION RING at 10:30am

(Seriously... a real bell, "ding-a-ling!")

7:00am – Baptisms and Lighting the New Fire

Natural Bridges Beach

10:30am – Festival Service

in the sanctuary

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PEACE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

LENT & EASTER
2026

Sunday Mornings
Worship at 10:30am
in the sanctuary

Wednesday Evenings
Musical Meditations
Prayers for Courage and Healing
7pm in the sanctuary



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ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb 18

Imposition of Ashes and prayers of blessing
8-10am drive-up **and** 7-8pm in the sanctuary

In the morning, come to our lower parking lot to find Pastor Dave just outside the office entrance, near the stairs up to the sanctuary. Come by on foot or pull up in your car to receive the sign of ashes, a prayer of blessing, and a devotional guide. **In the evening**, come to the narthex (entrance area) of the sanctuary for ashes and blessing. The sanctuary will be open for prayer, with music and meditation guides. Come and go as the Spirit moves.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Vespers - 7pm

Prayers for Courage and Healing

(Feb 25 through Mar 25 in the sanctuary)

Lent is an invitation to reconnect with God and neighbor, a call to each of us to (re)orient our lives in the way of healing, wholeness and courageous living. Wednesday evening Lenten services will include music, scripture, guided meditation, and prayers for courage and healing. Along with these traditional elements, our gatherings will be informed by reading from *How We Learn to Be Brave*, by Mariann Edgar Budde, the Episcopal Bishop of Washington, D.C. (Avery/Penguin Random House, 2023.) Especially helpful to people of faith in these challenging times, the book is widely available in local bookstores and online, and you are encouraged to read it as a part of your Lenten spiritual journey.

GAME NIGHTS

Fridays – Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24

6-8pm – Fellowship Hall

Monthly, on the last Friday. Light bites and a lot of fun and games for all ages. *Ping-pong, Backgammon, Cornhole, Twister, Dominoes, Chess, Checkers, Jenga, Yahtzee*, and we're always up for a new game you might bring. Young and old and inbetween, and friends, come, have fun!

KID'S NIGHT OUT

Fridays – Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17

6-8pm – Fellowship Hall

Third Friday of the month, 6-8pm. Games and free play, music and a lesson, treats and dinner (usually we make our own pizza!) A good time for children and a little free time for parents. For questions and to register, contact CYF@PeaceUnited.org.

FAMILY SUNDAYS

Mar 1 & 15, Apr 5 & 19, May 3 & 17

The first and third Sundays of every month, worship at 10:30am includes a special Word Made Plain and Children's Blessing, after which there is a separate (optional) program for kids next door in the Fellowship Hall during the scripture and sermon.

SECOND SUNDAY STUDENT LUNCHES

Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10

11:45am-1pm – Education Building

The second Sunday of every month, food, friends, music sometimes, and always a good time, right after worship. For college students, graduate students, and recent grads.

CONTEMPLATIVE SABBATH

Saturday, Feb 21, 10am to 7:00pm

Retreat into quiet spirituality and contemplation here on our beautiful church campus, with disciplines of prayer and lots of open time for refreshment and renewal, paying attention to your soul and, if you need to, letting some things go.

Lunch and dinner are included. Register or inquire by e-mail: lanakilaiesu@yahoo.com.

SENIOR PERENNIALS

Sundays – Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17

12-1pm – Fireside Lounge

For 55+, but we won't "card" you! Programs of special interest and timely concern on the third Sunday of every month.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Mar 28 – 7pm

Musical Vespers and Holy Communion
in the sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY

Mar 29 – 7:00pm

In the sanctuary

Requiem

by Maurice Duruflé

We will close the most somber day of the Christian story with Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*, Opus 9, a choral work of serenity and hope offered by our Chancel Choir, with organist Vlada Volkova-Moran, conducted by Cheryl Anderson. Built upon melodies from Gregorian chant, with modern harmonies, and texts from the Latin *Mass for the Dead*, this masterpiece of 20th century sacred music is a deeply soulful experience.