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\*PASSING THE PEACE

*\*Please stand if able.*

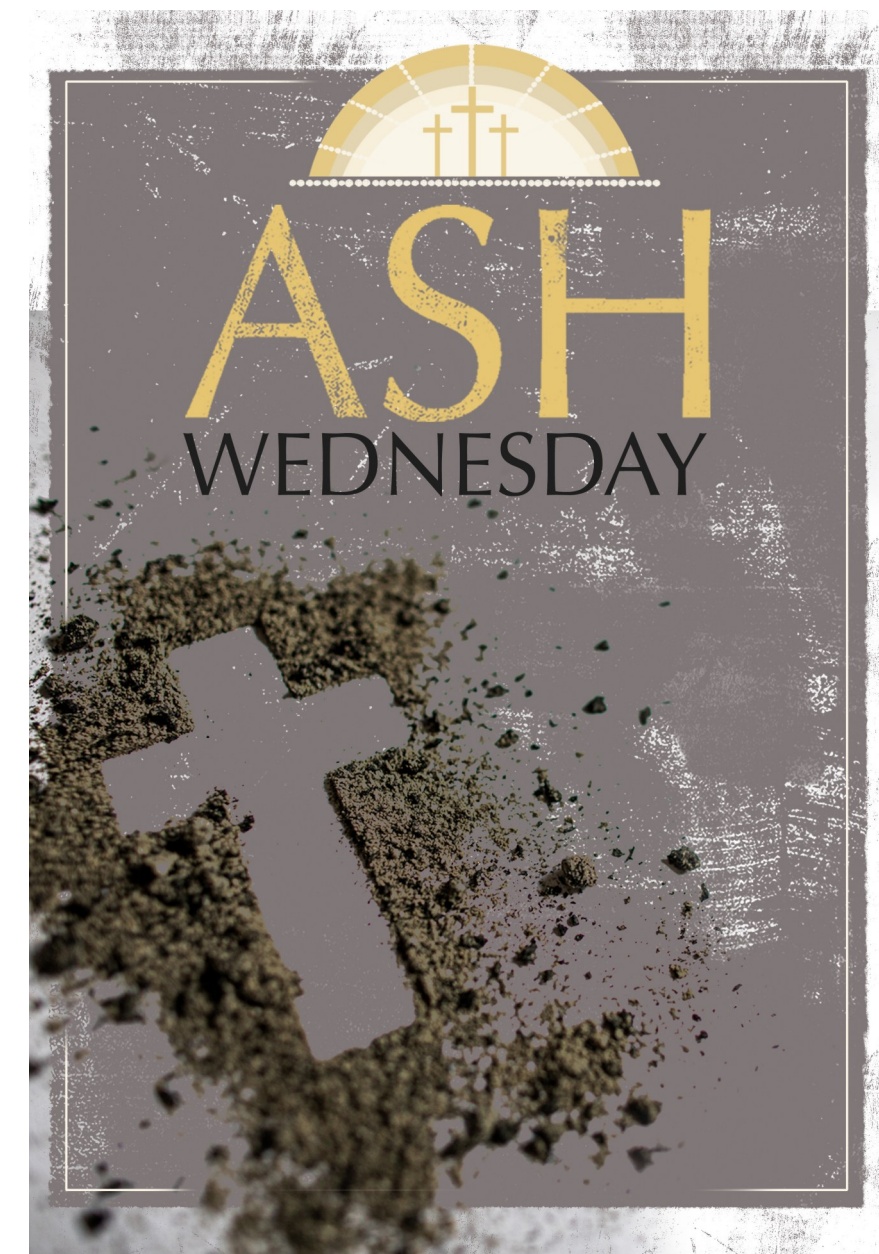
*Sent into Lent*

Week 1	Sent to the Wilderness
Week 2	Sent to the Land of Promise
Week 3	Sent to Release the Captives
Week 4	Sent to the Oppressed & Forgotten
Week 5	Sent to Proclaim the Good News
Week 6	Sent into Jerusalem

O Send out your light and truth, let them lead (Psalm 43)

Throughout the story of God's people, God sends faithful servants to work, sharing the good news of salvation. This sending continues today...how will you answer Christ's continued call to action in your life? Join us as we are Sent into Lent. Join us each Sunday as we explore these "sending stories."

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*Welcoming All  
Serving Christ  
Transforming Lives*

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

**As you enter in silence please reflect on this passage  
from Isaiah 58:6-9 (The Message translation)**

“This is the kind of fast day I’m after:  
to break the chains of injustice,  
get rid of exploitation in the workplace,  
free the oppressed,  
cancel debts.

What I’m interested in seeing you do is:  
sharing your food with the hungry,  
inviting the homeless poor into your homes,  
putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad,  
being available to your own families.

Do this and the lights will turn on,  
and your lives will turn around at once.

Your righteousness will pave your way.  
The God of glory will secure your passage.

Then when you pray, God will answer.

You’ll call out for help and I’ll say, ‘Here I am.’

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Where Christ walks,

**We will follow.**

Where Christ stumbles,

**We will stop.**

Where Christ cries,

**We will listen.**

Where Christ suffers,

**We will hurt.**

When Christ dies,

**We will bow our heads in sorrow.**

When Christ rises again in glory,

**We will share his endless joy.**

There is no other way;

**He is the only way.**

**\*HYMN #836**

*Abide With Me*

**SCRIPTURE**

Joel 2:12-17

Bible, page 1038

*Silence*

#### **INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT**

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 51:1-13

Bible, page 640

#### **LITANY OF PENITENCE**

The prophets remind us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual  
must be lived out in compassion and justice:

When we forget the fast you desire -

To do justice, and stand up for the powerless:

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we forget the prayer you love -

To show compassion, and care for those in need:

**Christ, have mercy.**

When we forget the rituals you require -

To create relationships of righteousness and peace:

**Lord have mercy.**

At the very beginning,

God scooped up the dust of the earth and molded it into human beings,  
breathing divine breath into those creatures of dust.

Over time though, we dust creatures have forgotten who we are and whose we  
are.

**We believed a serpent in the Garden of Eden who said we could become like  
God.**

**We believed that Aaron’s golden calf could guide us in the wilderness.**

**We believed like the builders of Babel who thought by our own hands we could  
be greater than God.**

**We believed we knew better than God where God’s Word was needed.**

**We have covered up with leaves and clothes.**

**We stopped taking time to walk with God in the gardens of the world God cre-  
ated.**

**We have been prone to wander.**

But God does not stop finding ways to meet us.

God spoke through a burning bush, a whisper, a cloud pillar, a giant fish, the  
laws given to Moses, and then ultimately through Jesus Christ.

By living a perfect sinless life,

Jesus exposed our lies of self-sufficiency.

**Our sinful pride is brought into the light.**

**Our dusty nature is right there on the surface.**

Let us reclaim the dust with which we were formed.

Let us recognize our need for the God who created us  
and for the Savior who desires to wash all of God’s children clean.

*Silence*

**O God, who makes all things new,**

**new stars, new dust, new life;**

**take my heart,**

**every hardened edge and measured beat,**

**and create something new in me.**

*Silence*

Lead and guide us on this Lenten journey...send us out into this world that we  
may walk with Jesus toward the hill of Golgotha and like him take up our  
cross and follow, for that is the faithful way.

**Amen.**

#### **\*IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*Ashes serve as a sign of human mortality and penitence and as a reminder  
that only by God’s grace are we given eternal life Ashes are imposed with  
the words of Genesis 3:19:*

*“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

*Those who wish to receive the sign of the cross are invited to come forward  
by the center aisle and then return on the side aisle.*

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Heidelberg Catechism**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,

but belong -

body and soul,

in life and in death -

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me  
free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for  
him.