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Love and Time

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ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS AN ISLAND WHERE ALL THE FEELINGS LIVED: HAPPINESS, SADNESS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ALL THE OTHERS, INCLUDING LOVE.

ONE DAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TO THE FEELINGS THAT THE ISLAND WAS GOING TO SINK, SO THEY ALL NEEDED TO VACATE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALL THE FEELINGS PREPARED THEIR BOATS AND LEFT. LOVE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO STAYED.

LOVE WANTED TO STAY UNTIL IT STARTED SINKING. WHEN LOVE WAS ALMOST SINKING, HE DECIDED TO ASK FOR HELP.

WEALTH WAS PASSING BY LOVE IN A BEAUTIFUL BOAT. LOVE SAID, "WEALTH, CAN YOU TAKE ME WITH YOU?"

WEALTH ANSWERED, "NO, I CAN'T... THERE IS A LOT OF GOLD AND SILVER IN MY BOAT. THERE IS NO PLACE HERE FOR YOU."

LOVE DECIDED TO ASK VANITY, WHO WAS ALSO PASSING BY, "VANITY, PLEASE HELP ME!" "I CAN'T HELP YOU, LOVE. YOU ARE ALL WET AND CAN PROBABLY DAMAGE MY BOAT," VANITY ANSWERED.

SADNESS WAS CLOSE BY, SO LOVE ASKED FOR HELP, "SADNESS, LET ME GO WITH YOU." "OH...LOVE, I AM SO SAD THAT I PREFER TO GO ALONE!"

HAPPINESS PASSED BY LOVE TOO, BUT SHE WAS SO HAPPY THAT SHE DID NOT HEAR WHEN LOVE CALLED HER!

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP.

9:30 AM | Sunday Worship

10:30 AM | Coffee & Fellowship

Christians Serving God by Serving Others.

Lenten Wednesdays 2026

CHRIST THE SERVANT AND FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Ash Wednesday, February 18th: Each church will have its own Ash Wednesday service.

Wednesdays of Lent: The 5 Wednesdays of Lent will be based on the book by Walt Wangerin Jr. called *Reliving the Passion: Meditations on the Suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus as Recorded in Mark*. We encourage you to listen to accounts of what happened at each important location, and be led in a meaningful, thought-provoking retelling of the Passion.

Wednesday, February 25th:	FC-UCC	Bethany & Jerusalem
Wednesday, March 4th:	CTS	Gethsemane
Wednesday, March 11th:	FC-UCC	The High Priests' House
Wednesday, March 18th:	CTS	Praetorium
Wednesday, March 25th:	FC-UCC	Golgotha

EVENING SCHEDULE

5:45 PM: Soup Supper - Soup and beverages provided by host church and the visiting church provides desert.

6:30 PM: Gather in the sanctuary for worship.

An offering will be taken during worship. Checks and envelopes will go to your respective church. Loose change and bills will be given to the Lord's Cupboard.

We will be using "Holden Evening Prayer" with Mark Donner playing the organ.

We pray that these Lenten Wednesday nights will foster an intimate connection to Jesus, encouraging us to be an active part of the body of Christ in the world today.

God Bless.

Chaplain Jill Lemke
Pastor Emerson Coy
Pastor Gwen Downing



PASTOR'S FEBRUARY OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS: 1 – 4 PM
WEDNESDAYS: 2 – 5 PM

NO OFFICE HOURS ON
FEBRUARY 18TH.

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SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A VOICE, "COME, LOVE, I WILL TAKE YOU."

IT WAS AN ELDER. LOVE BECAME SO HAPPY THAT HE EVEN FORGOT TO ASK THE ELDER HER NAME. WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT DRY LAND, THE ELDER WENT ON HER OWN WAY.

LOVE ASKED KNOWLEDGE, ANOTHER ELDER, THE NAME OF THE ELDER WHO HAD HELPED HIM. "IT WAS TIME," ANSWERED KNOWLEDGE.

"TIME? BUT WHY DID TIME HELP ME?" ASKED LOVE.

"BECAUSE ONLY TIME CAN UNDERSTAND HOW VALUABLE LOVE IS," ANSWERED KNOWLEDGE.



*the
bible
is our
compass*

FEBRUARY 1ST – 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FIRST LESSON: MICAH 6:1-18

PSALM 15

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

FEBRUARY 8TH – 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 58:1-12

PSALM 112:1-9

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-20

FEBRUARY 15TH – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 24:12-18

PSALM 2

SECOND LESSON: 2 PETER 1:16-21

GOSPEL: MATHEW 17:1-9

FEBRUARY 18TH – ASH WEDNESDAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 51:1-12

EPISTLE READING: COLOSSIANS 1:13-20

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:21-35

FEBRUARY 22ND – 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING: GENEIS 11:1-9

EPISTLE READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:35-45



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Christ the Servant opens the church to our community.

AA uses the church building for meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Limberg Counseling uses the building on Thursday and Friday for counseling appointments during the day. They use the room across from the church office and the room off of Fellowship Hall.

The community's Farmer Market sets up in the parking lot every Wednesday from May until October.

We are blessed to be able to support our community.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Worship program this year will be "Dying His Death, Living His Life." The Bible Study will be following the Sunday topics of worship. The Bible Study does not have any "homework." Come and enjoy the fellowship, witnessing how the Holy Spirit is moving among the members of Christ the Servant. We will be meeting on February 1, 15, and 22nd.

For God
So loved the world
that He gave His
only
Begotten
Son
that whosoever
believeth
in Him shall
have everlasting
life.



John 3:16



WELCA

The women's quilting group meets every Tuesday from 10 AM - 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to join.

MENS GROUP

Men's Group will meet over coffee and pastry on Thursday February 12th at 8 AM. We will be studying the Book of Acts. Please see Scott Carpenter or Pastor for a book.



Prayer Requests

Health Requests: Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Autumn, Joan, Ann, Jack, Paul, Brian, Becci, Barb and Nancy.

Military: Anton, Brittany, Ryan, Josh and Natalie

Groups: CTS Church Council, WELCA, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, AIDS Orphans in Malawi, Hunger and Poverty in the World, Ukrainian People, and Sleep In Heavenly Peace Ministry.

**SUNDAY WEDNESDAY
SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 11TH AND 25TH
AT 4 PM**



**IF YOU KNOW ANY CHILD THAT
NEEDS TO HEAR ABOUT JESUS,
PLEASE INVITE THEM.**

Lenten Prayer for Renewal

PRECIOUS LORD,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND PROTECTION.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE STRENGTH TO GO
THROUGH THIS LENTEN SEASON.

I PRAY THAT BY THE END OF THIS LENTEN PERIOD,
I WILL BE A NEW IN YOU.

HELP ME NOT TO BE THE SAME PERSON
I WAS BEFORE THE SEASON BEGAN.

RENEW MY MIND AND MY HEART, LORD,
TEACH ME YOUR WAYS,
HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND YOUR WORD.

MY SOUL YEARNs FOR YOU, DEAR LORD,
FILL ME WITH YOUR SPIRIT AND
DRAW ME CLOSER TO YOU.

STRENGTHEN ME WHEN I'M WEAK,
FILL ME WHEN I FEEL EMPTY.
RENEW MY BODY AND
GRANT ME THE GRACE TO DO EVERYTHING I DO.

AMEN.



*Thank
you*

To those who saved plastic to help
the church receive three free benches...
Thank You!

With our three benches, we do not need to
collect more plastic. Please continue to recycle
the plastic, donating it at a grocery store, etc.

Our third bench arrived the end of January.

Thank you to Nancy Miller and the Clarks for
helping us get these lovely benches.

IF WE WANT PROOF OF GOD'S
LOVE FOR US, THEN WE MUST
LOOK FIRST AT THE CROSS
WHERE GOD OFFERED UP HIS
SON AS A SACRIFICE FOR OUR
SINS. CALVARY IS THE ONE
OBJECTIVE, ABSOLUTE,
IRREFUTABLE, PROOF OF GOD'S
LOVE FOR US.

Jerry Bridges



HOW WILL YOU SPEND THE NEXT 40 DAYS?

ADAPTED FROM REGINA BRETT

ASH WEDNESDAY SIGNIFIES LENT HAS OFFICIALLY ARRIVED, ALONG WITH THE QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO GIVE UP FOR 40 DAYS?

DOES LENT HAVE TO BE 40 DAYS FILLED WITH GUILT OR SHAME? DOES IT NEED TO BE AN ENDURANCE TEST?

WE COULD MAKE IT A 40-DAY GRATITUDE JOURNEY AND SPEND 40 DAYS PRACTICING THAT GREATEST COMMANDMENT OF ALL: **LOVE**.

LENT IS A TIME TO GROW SPIRITUALLY, NOT TO PUNISH YOURSELF PHYSICALLY. LENT IS A GREAT TIME FOR A LITTLE SPIRITUAL SPRING-CLEANING. WHAT'S BURIED IN THE CLOSET OF YOUR SOUL? WHAT NEEDS TO BE RELEASED FROM THE NOOKS AND CRANNIES OF YOUR HEART?

FEAR? RESENTMENT? ANGER? APATHY?

IF YOU START WITH THE END IN SIGHT, ON EASTER MORNING, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO HAVE CHANGED OVER THESE 40 DAYS? WHAT DIFFERENCE DO YOU WANT TO HAVE MADE? WHAT HABIT OR CHARACTER DEFECT DO YOU WANT REMOVED? WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE?

MAKE IT SOMETHING WITH MEANING THAT WILL MAKE YOUR LIFE OR SOMEONE ELSE'S BETTER.

PEOPLE WEAR ASHES TO REMEMBER THEIR MORTALITY. IF YOU HAD 40 DAYS TO LIVE, WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE UP? BETTER YET, WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE?

YOU COULD

GIVE A SINGLE PARENT 40 MINUTES OF HELP SO THEY COULD DO SOMETHING FOR THEMSELVES.

GIVE A COMPLIMENT, A SMILE, AN EAR, A SHOULDER, OR THE RIGHT OF WAY TO THAT CAR IN A HURRY.

VISIT A SHUT-IN, BRING LUNCH AND SHARE YOUR TIME WITH THEM.

GIVE FEAR, DOUBT, GOSSIP, COMPLAINING AND WHINING A REST FOR 40 DAYS (OR FOREVER).

GIVE UP MULTI-TASKING AND SIMPLY DO ONE THING WITH COMPLETE PRESENCE.

GIVE UP YOUR REGRETS. FOR 40 DAYS, AT THE END OF EVERY DAY, PAUSE AND REVIEW THE DAY. IS THERE ANYONE YOU SHUT OUT OF YOUR HEART? ANY WORDS YOU WISH YOU COULD TAKE BACK? ANY WORDS YOU WISH YOU HAD SAID? MAKE AMENDS NOW.

PRACTICE SAYING: "I'M SORRY," "I LOVE YOU," "THANK YOU," AND "YOU DID A GREAT JOB."

GIVE THANKS TO THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE. CALL, TEXT OR MAIL A THANK YOU NOTE OVER THE NEXT 40 DAYS.

GIVE YOUR PRESENCE TO THE PERSON RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU: THAT PERSON IS ALWAYS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN YOUR LIFE. BE PRESENT. LOOK THEM IN THE EYE. USE THEIR NAME. PEOPLE LOVE TO HEAR THEIR NAME SPOKEN.

GIVE YOURSELF 40 SECONDS IN THE MIRROR EVERY DAY TO REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE IN GOD'S SIGHT. BASK IN GOD'S LOVE. BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF. FORGIVE YOURSELF. GIVE YOURSELF GRACE.

FOR 40 DAYS, SPEND EACH DAY REMEMBERING THE LOVE GOD HAS FOR YOU.

BECAUSE IN THE END, EASTER IS A LOVE STORY.





VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH



FIND THE HIDDEN VALENTINE'S DAY WORDS.

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GIFT

CARD

LOVE

CHOCOLATE

ARROW

CUPID

ROSES

SWEETHEART

HUG

CANDY

FEBRUARY

CUPCAKE



**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026
WITH MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY.**

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTER	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	USHERS
FEB 1ST	JANN CLARK		MARYANN BROWN, LYNN ANDERSON, RB & BETH MELVOLD	
FEB 8TH	KURT WOLFF		SARAH WOLFF	
FEB 15TH	JOE BONDIOLI		HERB AND JOAN SEIFERT	HERB AND JOAN SEIFERT
FEB 18TH ASH WEDNESDAY				
FEB 22ND			JOE BONDIOLI	
MARCH 1ST			PASTOR GWEN & MARGARET MCCULLOCH	
MARCH 8TH				
MARCH 15TH				
MARCH 22ND				
MARCH 29TH PALM SUNDAY				
APRIL 2ND MAUNDY THURSDAY				
APRIL 3RD GOOD FRIDAY				
APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY			POTLUCK	

