



The Season of Lent is a forty-day journey (not including Sundays) which delivers us to the table of the Last Supper, the floor upon which Jesus kneels as he washes his disciples' feet, the garden in which Jesus prays, the courtyard where Jesus is tried and convicted, the hill and the cross where Jesus is crucified, and finally the empty tomb where Jesus once laid but does so no more. Join us on Sunday mornings as we make our way to the cross and the empty tomb and meet some interesting people along the way.

On March 1, the Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. We hope you will join us for our Ash Wednesday service which will be held in the Fellowship Hall and begins at 7:00 p.m. on that Wednesday.

March 5 ~ Worship with Communion

Matthew 4:1-11 ~ Come As You Are

March 12 ~ Worship

John 3:1-17 ~ Come Curious

March 19 ~ Worship

John 4:5-42 ~ Come Thirsty

March 26 ~ Worship

John 9:1-41 ~ Come Ignorant

April 2 ~ Worship with Communion

John 11:1-45 ~ Come Broken-Hearted

April 9 ~ Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 ~ Come Unprepared

April 13 ~ Maundy Thursday (to be announced)

April 14 ~ Good Friday (to be announced)

April 16 ~ Easter Morning (to be announced)

John 20:1-18 ~ Come Broken, Leave Whole

A Thought for the Season of Lent

These words were shared with the Louisville Seminary class of 1997 by the President of the seminary and they seem just as profound to me today as they did in that moment when I first heard them. Maybe these words will add something to our Lenten journeys:

"Now, here is my secret. I tell it to you with an openness of heart that I doubt I shall ever achieve again, so I pray you are in a quiet room as you hear these words. My secret is that I need God – that I am sick and can no longer make it alone. I need God to help me give, because I no longer seem capable of kindness; to help me love, as I seem beyond being able to love."

~ Douglas Coupland

Lent Is...

Lent is a time to give up
time in reaching for eternity,
to set aside the minutes and the hours
and make living space of time,
room for the hurt, neglect and fear
that crowd the days so near about us,
breathing room for reverie and solitude,
sufficient real estate to stake one's life upon,
even make a claim on the frontiers of the beyond.
Lent is a time for mending time,
and shaping, behind time toward the wilderness
whose questions clear a way for silence,
for its severe awaiting void.

My Theme for Lent

I read these words just a couple of weeks ago from Ann Voskamp's newest book, The Broken Way, and if I'm brave enough, I hope to make them my theme for the Season of Lent this year.

"You know – everything all across this farm says the same thing, you know that, right?...The seed breaks to give us the wheat. The soil breaks to give us the crop, the sky breaks to give us the rain, the wheat breaks to give us the bread. And the bread breaks to give us the feast. There was once even an alabaster jar that broke to give Him all the glory...He says it slowly, like he means it: 'Never be afraid of being a broken thing.'"

