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Find us on:



Thank you...

Usher: Janet VanBenthuisen.
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 Liturgist: Rev. Jim Beard.
 Special Music: Chancel Choir; Carey Shunskis and Rev. Max Richter, cantors.
 Communion Servers: Jane Heimerl, Pat Olson.

WORSHIP
 7:00 PM

March 5, 2025
 Ash Wednesday

Our Vision

Inspiring
 Joyful Faith

Building a
 Loving
 Community

Serving
 Neighbors
 Near and Far

**Today's
 Scripture**

Psalm 51:1-17;
 Matthew 6:1-6,
 16-21



Who we are. What we do.



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SONG

“Return to God”



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BLESSING

One: Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.
 All: Let the memory of your incomplete humanity
 awaken you to the wonders, joys, sorrows, and pain of life.
 Let the ashes you wear be the ashes of transformation;
 of awakening to the beauty and love of seizing the moment
 and living it to the fullest.
 Let it be said of you that here in this little part of eternity
 that you lived fully, loved extravagantly
 and helped humanity evolve into all that God dreamed we can be!
 You are fearfully and wonderfully made
 in the image of the ONE who is was and ever more shall be
 Creator, Christ and Spirit ONE. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

ARR. VITOR LABENSKE

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Blessing: written by Pastor Dawn and posted on *pastordawn*. <http://pastordawn.com/tag/ash-wednesday-progressive-christian-benediction/>.

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Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to ... connect, grow, worship ...

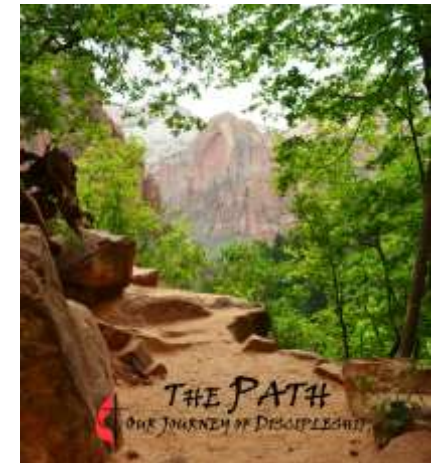
Lenten Small Groups “The Path: Our Journey of Discipleship”

“The Path” is a 6-session series that empowers you to be honest, to explore, to experiment, and to take a step or two forward on your journey of discipleship.

Groups will be meeting Sunday after church starting at 11:15 a.m., and Wednesdays starting at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sessions will begin this Sunday, March 9 and Wednesday March 12 and go for 6 weeks. Go to tinyurl.com/GSThePath or use the QR code right away for further information and to get



registered. For the sake of confidentiality and trust-building, no new people will be added to groups after these dates. May your path be ever moving you closer to Christ!



Lenten Book Study for Care Givers

The Hopeful Family: Raising Resilient Children in Uncertain Times

Wednesdays, March 12-April 16, 6:00pm, Room 201

Raise hopeful, grounded, and action-oriented children in a time that feels full of uncertainty. *The Hopeful Family* is the guidebook for parents who are building a life of meaning and hope even in a time of unease. Readers will be reminded of the hope that is part of the Christian story and find both inspiration and evidence to step more fully into a framework of abundance and optimism. Sign up at tinyurl.com/GSHopeful. Contact Jan at jan@good.org with questions.



Join us for Sunday morning worship at
10:00am in person or online.
You are welcome here!

Holy Week at Good Samaritan



Sunday, April 13

10:00 a.m. Palm/Passion service with Chancel Chimes and Chancel Choir
From the palm processional to the beginning of Jesus' final journey toward the cross, we begin Holy Week together.



Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion
We remember Jesus' last night with his disciples around the table.



Friday, April 18

Good Friday Worship will include our tradition of a special online film experience, featuring the practices of *Visio Divina* ("Holy Seeing"), *Lectio Divina* ("Holy Reading"), and music. We're also offering an additional self-guided stations component for those who can attend in-person on Good Friday (hours TBA).



Sunday, April 20

Easter Morning Sunrise Online Service
10:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship with Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble
11:00 a.m. Fellowship time with full-size donuts!*
Please note there is one in-person Easter service this year.

(*donut not actual size)



Healthy Communication Refresher Course



Do you ever find yourself wondering how best to navigate challenging conversations, whether in personal or professional situations?

Each time a congregation begins a new appointment, the Annual Conference offers training in the Rule of Christ model of healthy communication. We'll review conflict skills, including avoidance of triangles and direct discourse based on Jesus' teachings.

Retired clergy John Mueller Nowell will lead us on Tuesday, March 25:

- 5:00-5:30 Light dinner (RSVP to church office, at tinyurl.com/GSRuleofChrist or with QR code by Wednesday, March 19)
- 5:30-7:30 Training during Church Council open to everyone
- 7:30-8:30 Staff Parish Relations training



March is Minnesota Food Share Month



We will pack Express Bags for VEAP and Joyce Uptown Food Shelves on Sunday, March 23 after the service to assist those in dire need of food. How can you help?

BEFORE March 23:

- Check your pantry for food items you haven't used and that are not past their expiration date or add items to your shopping list.
- Bring them to church on March 9 and 16.
- Too heavy to carry in? We'll meet you at the upstairs door to unload your car on those days!

Items needed for each bag: cans of veggies (not green beans), cans of fruit, cans or packages of a protein, bags of rice and pasta (not mac and cheese).

ON March 23 - Come into the Fellowship Room after the church service and help pack the bags.

Questions? Reach out to Janet VanBenthuyzen of the Missions Team at jv.pandora@gmail.com.