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LENT SCHEDULE

- **Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2**, worship at 12:15pm & 6:15pm, all with imposition of ashes. No Gr 8 & 9 small groups.
- **Every Wednesday through Apr. 6**, Holden Evening Prayer worship at 6:15pm,

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

- **Palm Sunday, Apr. 10**, worship at 8:00am & 10:30am. Palm Sunday breakfast [tentative]. No Sunday School nor Confirmation classes.
- **Monday, Apr. 11**, worship at 6:15pm.
- **Tuesday, Apr. 12**, worship at 6:15pm.
- **Wednesday, Apr. 13**, Gr. 5 Faith Building Block, bread baking, 4pm. Worship at 6:15pm.
- **Maundy Thursday, Apr. 14**, worship at 12:15pm & 6:15pm. Gr. 5 Faith Building Block lifted up at 6:15pm worship.
- **Good Friday, Apr. 15**, worship at 12:15pm & 6:15pm.
- **Sacred Storytelling Worship, Apr. 16**, worship at 5:30pm.
- **Easter Sunday, Apr. 17**, worship at 6:30am, 8:00am, and 9:45am. *No Sunday School nor Confirmation on Easter Sunday.*

The office will be closed at noon on Friday, Apr. 15 and all day Monday, Apr. 18.



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LENTEN DEVOTION

Starting March 2

The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, *Full to the Brim*, is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

The scriptures for this Lenten season (in the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C) are filled with parables and promises of God's abundant and expansive grace. Jesus as a mother hen, a prodigal son welcomed home, a fig tree nurtured with care and hope, precious oil poured out lovingly and freely, stones shouting out with praise—these sacred texts are brimming with a gospel of grace. We've done nothing to deserve or earn this grace, and yet, like water, it spills over.

Full to the Brim reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises? And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

