



Close  
Encounters  
with Jesus

Season of Lent 2022

*Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Traditionally Lent has been associated with giving up things, but what if this year we take on the disciplines that move us into a closer encounter with Jesus? This Lenten brochure contains opportunities presented in the hope that they will deepen your spiritual pilgrimage during Lent. Choose prayerfully, choose expectantly.*

*We also encourage you to commit to regular worship attendance during the season of Lent. For what better place to prepare for the joy of Easter than in the House of the Lord!*

Grace and Peace,

The Ministry Staff of Parker UMC

## **Lenten Worship Opportunities and Special Events:**

### Ash Wednesday

#### **Drive thru Ashes:**

March 2nd @7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Join the larger Parker community for our 4th annual Ash Wednesday drive-thru experience. Receive the imposition of ashes (top of hand or forehead), along with a prayer for beginning the season of Lent.

#### **Ash Wednesday Worship**

Join us in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Our Taize style worship service will help us begin our Lenten preparations with scripture, prayer, Holy Communion, the imposition of ashes, and lighting of candles. Ash Wednesday is a time to prepare ourselves for the encounter of Jesus at the cross during this Lenten Journey.

### Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (Live online at 9 a.m.)

Close Encounters with Jesus... Where will you encounter Jesus? What will you ask him about your life? What will you do with his answer?

Date .....	Scripture.....	Jesus Encounters
March 6 .....	Matthew 4:1-11.....	Satan
March 13 .....	John 3:1-17.....	Nicodemus
March 20 .....	John 4:5-42.....	Samaritan Woman
March 27 .....	John 9:1-41.....	The Man Born Blind
April 3 .....	John 11:1-45.....	Lazarus and His Sisters
April 10 .....	Matthew 26:14-27.....	Palm Sunday Cantata
April 17th.....	John 20:1-18.....	“I’ve Just Seen Jesus!” (Easter)

## Sunday Morning Education Offerings

### **Children’s Sunday School**

Kids, meet Ms. Noelle at the treehouse before the 9am worship service. You will get checked in and get a busy bag to play with before Sunday School starts. Sunday School is for kids up to 6th grade. In Sunday School kids will play games, learn Bible stories and make fun creations.

Ms. Erin and friends are waiting to play and teach the kiddos all about God’s great big love in the Nursery. The nursery is open for both services for children ages baby through preschool. Preschoolers will have fun playing in the classroom and plus listening to stories from the Bible.

### **Youth (9:00-10:00 a.m.) - SLAM (Students Learning About the Messiah)**

is Sunday School for youth in 6th-12th grades. We meet from 9-10 a.m. in the youth room (#144) at the end of the hallway. Each Sunday we have time to visit and a lesson, except for the first Sunday of the month, because it’s Communion Sunday and we encourage the youth to attend service with their families. There will be no SLAM on Easter Sunday.

### **Wednesday Lenten Study: Make a Difference! Following Your Passion & Finding your Place to Serve**

A Lenten Study will be led by Pastor Cody on Wednesday mornings and Rev. Barb on Wednesday evenings. The book, *Make a Difference! Following Your Passion & Finding your Place to Serve* by Rev. James Harnish is available on Amazon (Kindle or order).

March 9.....Lenten Study 10:30 -11:30 a.m. or 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

March 16.....Lenten Study 10:30 -11:30 a.m. or 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

March 23.....Lenten Study 10:30 -11:30 a.m. or 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

March 30.....Lenten Study 10:30 -11:30 a.m. or 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

April 6 .....Lenten Study 10:30 -11:30 a.m. or 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

April 13 .....Lenten Study 10: 30 -11: 30 a.m. or 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday Evenings March 9th & April 6th:**

Join us for At the Table – a new casual supper/worship offering with a side of some soul time. 5:30- 6:30 p.m. in the gathering area.

## Holy Week

---

### **Palm Sunday, April 10th Worship:**

One Service @ 10:00 a.m. as our PUMC choir performs the Cantata, *Once Upon a Cross*

### **Palm Sunday Fellowship Time 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

On this special Sunday we will have Continental Breakfast foods available for everyone to enjoy in addition to our usual coffee and donut fellowship.

### **Family Easter Event – Rise Up with Jesus! - Palm Sunday at 11 a.m.**

Prepare for high-flying fun with Rise Up with Jesus. This family Easter event will lift your spirits as you travel through stations to discover what happened that first Easter morning. Families can expect fun games and activities. Bring your family and friends to make fun memories at Rise Up with Jesus!

### **Maundy Thursday Living Last Supper 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a dramatic presentation of the Last Supper offered by members from our PUMC community. The drama portrays the disciples at the Lord's Table, and what happens when their lives are transformed by His presence and power. Communion will be shared during this service.

### **Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae and Taize**

Join us for a service of Tenebrae as we tell the story of the final days of Jesus, extinguishing candles and ending with a time of quiet and prayer in the sanctuary. We will share several selections from the Taize style of worship. This is a time for contemplation and prayer.

### **Easter Worship (Saturday, April 16th @ 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, April 17th @ 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.)**

Celebrate the Resurrection complete with Bells, Brass, Choir, and the glorious music of Easter!