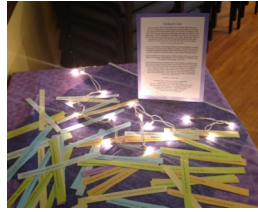


Prayer Station located in the Heritage Room . . .



Fasting for Lent

The LORD said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the LORD. The LORD is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the LORD. But the LORD wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the LORD wasn't in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the LORD wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"
1 Kings 19:11-13 Common English Bible (CEB)

The spiritual purpose of Lent is to reduce the clang and clamor of daily life so that the still, small voice of God can be heard in the gentle breeze, as the prophet Elijah discovered.

Everything that we do during Lent is to make us aware of the Lord, and less focused on ourselves. In its perfection, Lent is a season for reflection upon and delight in the goodness of our God.

Lenten sacrifices can remind us that we just have too much clutter in our lives. We can do with so much less than we think, and in the space left by the clutter we rediscover again the joy of reading a book, cooking a meal for others, serious conversations not fueled by alcohol, going for a walk or drive without trying to rearrange the day's schedule by mobile phone.

Cutting down on the television alone would leave most families ample time to rediscover each other, and probably most of their neighbors too.
Consider a Lenten Fast

Choose an item or two from the pile of possibilities. Choose one or two that speak to you. There are multiple copies of each "fast" item, so take one or two with you and place them where you will see them often during your daily routine. Meditate on these fasting items. How is God calling you to change? To fast? To give up the clutter in your life?

Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Altar Flowers: Bob & Jo Kindel
"In memory of Caren Kindel"

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *Ken Anderson*

Fellowship: *Team #4 – Gerstenberger's*

Steeple Lighting: *Thank you!*

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Sharing the love of God revealed through Christ
In the community and the world.***

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THE PRELUDE *Gravement* *Jean-François Dandrieu*

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* No. 370

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

One: Come O Lord, come and be my shepherd.

All: Let me lie down and enjoy the green pastures of life.

One: When my life is a struggle and trials abound, I will rest in You.

All: May I see Your goodness and mercy all the days of my life.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Ken Anderson

**God of mercy and love, come into this moment and open my mind to feel
Your presence, open my eyes to see Your creation, and open my heart to
experience Your love. Teach me to rise up and reach out with the hope and
joy of life You offer. May I live in Your promise as I pray the prayer Your
Son taught me, "Our Father . . ." [debt, debtors]**

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Red Hymnal) No. 513

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM *Now The Green Blade Rises* arr. Joe Cox

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Turn Thee to Me* Antonín Dvořák

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Red Hymnal) *Just As I Am Without One Plea (vs. 4)* No. 319

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *I Must Tell Jesus* No. 486

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Ken Anderson

Amos 9:11 - 14 (page 811)

John 9:1 - 9 (page 89)

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WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *My Song Is Love Unknown* No. 169

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go In Peace* Kenneth White

(*We invite you to join hands as we sing*)

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life! Go in Peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE *Cantabile Op.41, No. 4* Alexandre Guilmant

***all who are able may stand**

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #4, Social Hall
1:30 p.m. Lois Shook Memorial Service, Heritage Room

Monday, March 27

6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Ehlers Danlos Support Group, Heritage Room

Tuesday, March 28

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group, Rev. Green Room
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

Wednesday, March 29

4:00 - 8:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Cello, Adult Library
NO Confirmation Class
NO Bible Study
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. J.O.Y. Kids Club, Kitchen & Classrooms
7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall
8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir, Music Room

Thursday, March 30

NO Cub Scout Pack #3186
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Act-It UP! Rehearsal, Social Hall

Friday, March 31

Saturday, April 1

10 a.m. - 12 Noon Cub Scout Troop #3161- Committee Meeting, Adult Library
11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Cello, Children's Library
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, April 2 - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Taken

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary ~ Rev. Dick Beck ~
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #1

Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent Thank You!

SIGN-IN

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.

We joyfully welcome all visitors!
Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.

Please join us again!
We are so glad You are Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

Pray for:

Diana, who is moving & starting a "new" life in Florida.
John whose wife died.
Those who are facing a tough road ahead with illness in the family.
Ellen J.'s son, Chuck, dealing with cancer.
My granddaughter Morgan in Children's Hospital.
Pam recovering from surgery.
Jeff with M.S.
Thelma's fractured foot to heal soon.
Michael B.-in a very bad motorcycle accident-in I.C.U.
Pam & her healing & continued strength.
Baby Abbie, in severe stress at Children's Hospital with lung issues.
A teacher's daughter that is fighting cancer
Donna healing at home.
Alice for patience, strength and endurance.
Peace & healing for people who are hurting & dealing with life's' struggles.
A good friend who is struggling and needs prayers of comfort & support.



Once again the Youth Group and Faith Formation Board are gearing up for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny... games, crafts, photographs, cake walk, stories, and age-divided Easter Egg Hunt.
Please volunteer to help! Jobs include: cooking pancakes and sausage, providing small individual wrapped candies & decorated cakes, help with crafts, help with photographs, clean-up and more. No one will be turned away from helping.

Maundy Thursday—April 13th 6:30 p.m. Palestinian Meal with Seder elements, Social Hall/7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

A list of services for:
Good Friday
at local
United Church
of Christ Churches
is available in the office.

Help decorate the altar with lilies on Easter Sunday
Sign-up lists are posted on the bulletin boards
across from the office and in the Social hall.
There are 20 spots left.
The cost will be \$8 from Kern's Florist.

