

# LENT AND EASTER 2018

*All are welcome to attend First United's events and worship services throughout our Lenten Season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter.*

## **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

*Wednesday, February 14, 7 p.m.*

## **LENTEN BOOK GROUPS**

*Various times and locations beginning the week of February 18 and continuing for five weeks.*

Book groups will gather to read one of two books: *Dare We Speak of Hope* (Allan A. Boesak) and *Accidental Saints* (Nadia Bolz-Weber). Book groups are open to all and can be joined anytime throughout Lent. You can sign up online at the First United website or on the signup sheet on the Lounge desk. Books are available locally at the Magic Tree Bookstore, 141 N. Oak Park Avenue.

*For more information, contact Britt Cox (bcx@firstunitedoakpark.com or 708-386-5215 ext. 105)*

## **LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS**

*Throughout Lent, the Sanctuary will be filled with interactive prayer stations. Deacons will be available for prayers each Wednesday from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The stations make up a prayer journey that can be taken alone, with a friend, or with family. Stations are open to all ages and to all stages of faith.*

## **LENTEN CANTATA**

*Sunday, March 18*

*Fauré Requiem during worship*


## **EASTER LILY ORDERS**

Honor or memorialize a loved one with an Easter lily to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Pick up and complete an order envelope at either Sanctuary entrance. Drop the envelope in the offering plate or return to Administrative Assistant Dennis Cobb in the church office. *Orders are due by Monday, March 26.*



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# EASTER WEEK

## MARCH 25-APRIL 1

*We have many opportunities to experience the journey toward Easter.*

### **PALM SUNDAY**

*Sunday, March 25*

We will parade down the aisles of the sanctuary, waving palm branches to welcome Jesus with songs of "Hosanna!"

### **BREAD BAKING**

*Wednesday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.*

We will bake bread for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday and prepare Centennial Hall for our Maundy Thursday meal. Newcomers and veteran bakers are welcome. Dinner is provided.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Thursday, March 29*

Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Tenebrae service at 8 p.m. We begin with a soup dinner and worship around tables, sharing fellowship and communion. Soup and bread are provided. Please bring contributions of cheese and fruit. From Centennial Hall, we move through candlelit tunnels into the darkened Sanctuary, sharing Jesus' betrayal to crucifixion. Our faith symbols disappear and we are left in the desolation of what humanity can do. We wait in the days without God.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

*Friday, March 30*

Peace Vigil, 7 p.m., front steps of First United

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

*Sunday, April 1*

*8 a.m.* Bluegrass Easter Service. Weather permitting, worshipers will meet outside at 7:45 a.m. for a labyrinth walk and proceed to the Sanctuary.

*9:15 a.m.* Easter Breakfast and Silent Auction of FUSH services such as babysitting, garage cleaning, tutoring, and a host of other services.

*11 a.m.* Traditional Easter Service



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