



LENT AND EASTER 2019

All are welcome at First United's events and worship services during Lent. Leave behind the baggage carried throughout your spiritual journeys and take nothing with you.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, March 6

Intergenerational service for all at 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN CANTATA

Sunday, March 10

Excerpts from *Requiem* by John Rutter during worship.

LENTEN BOOK GROUPS

Various times and locations

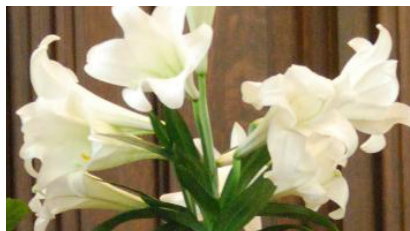
During the season of Lent, small groups will gather to read one of two books: *Radical Discipleship: A Liturgical Politics of the Gospel* by Jennifer McBride and *Mindful Christianity* by Jim Burklo. You can join a group online through a SignUp Genius link at the Adult Ed page on the church website, in an E-blast, on the church Facebook page, or on a sign-up sheet at the Lounge desk. Books are available locally at The Book Table, 1045 Lake St., Oak Park. Groups will meet for six weeks, beginning the week of March 10. If you have questions or need help signing up, contact Lydia Mulkey (lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com), 708-386-5215 (ext. 103).

LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS

Throughout Lent, our sanctuary will be filled with interactive prayer stations. Engage them as many times as you like. The stations make up a prayer journey that can be taken alone, with a friend, or with your family. This journey is open to all ages and stages of faith. Deacons are available on Wednesday evenings for prayer from 6:30-7:15 p.m. through April 17. Blessings on your journey through Lent.

EASTER FLOWER CONTRIBUTIONS

Honor or memorialize a loved one with a contribution for Easter flowers to adorn the sanctuary or to be delivered to one of our homebound members. Pick up and complete an order envelope at either Sanctuary entrance. Drop the envelope in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Orders are due by Monday, April 15.



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HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It takes a whole village to make Holy Week such a special time here at First United. Come be a part of the magic. We need bread bakers on Wednesday (no experience necessary) and dinner volunteers for Maundy Thursday as soup warmers, table setters, and more! Look for a SignUp Genius link in an E-blast, on the church website, or on Facebook. If you need assistance signing up, contact Lydia Mulkey (lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com), 708-386-5215 (ext. 103).

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 14

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

BREAD BAKING

Wednesday, April 17, 3:30-8:30 p.m.

We will bake bread for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday and prepare Centennial Hall for our Maundy Thursday meal. Dinner is provided. Volunteers, please note SignUp Genius information above.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 18

Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Tenebrae service 8 p.m. We begin with supper 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. We wait in the days without God.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 19

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

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 21

8 a.m. Bluegrass Easter Service
9:15-10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast and Silent Auction of FUSH services such as babysitting, garage cleaning, tutoring, and a host of other services.
11a.m. Traditional Easter Service



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