

This Lent we are following the theme of prayer. So through the Sunday services or Wednesday classes (7p.m.), we will learn new ways and reasons to pray. On this Lenten journey you are encouraged to pray. One way we will be doing this is through the symbolism of rocks.

Every time you come into the church building, you are encouraged to say a pray. This can be done by going up to the wooden cross and placing a rock at its base. There will be a basket of rocks next to the cross, or you may bring your own from home. The symbol of the rock is important for many reasons. First, rocks are prevalent. This reminds us to pray often. Second, they are firm and concrete. That shows the importance of the substance of our prayers. Third, we put our rocks (prayers) at the true Rock- Our Rock and Our Redeemer.

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Welcome to Brodhead United Methodist Church

Open hearts~Open minds~Open doors

February 18, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn UMH#269
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Call to Worship

Leader: The day of the Lord is coming. Let us prepare for the promise of redemption.

People: We come to the altar to pray.

Leader: Despite impending dark and gloom, the message is clear: God's steadfast love spills light into all corners of the earth.

People: We come to the altar to weep.

Leader: Return to the Lord with all your energy and passion, for God's mercy and grace abound.

People: We come to the altar to receive.

Leader: We lay our imperfections at your feet, O Lord, watching and waiting in faith.

People: We come to the altar to listen.

Leader: Fashion within us a new joy, O God, as we await deliverance from hopelessness, sin, and fear.

People: We come to the altar to rejoice. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

Great Redeemer, we come with receptive minds, pliant hearts, and willing spirits to hear your scripture, grasp your message, and comprehend your love. As we contemplate the meaning of palm branches turned to ash, may we understand your healing power that cleanses our souls and prepares us for your promise of faith renewed. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

The Hebrew Scripture Lesson Joel 2:12-13 (pew Bible pg.847)

Moment of Silent Reflection

Meditation

Anthem "My Faith Look Up to Thee" Senior Choir

The Prayer of Confession Psalm 51:1-17 response 2 UMH#785-786

Moment of Silent Reflection

Meditation

Offering

Offertory Prayer

All that we have comes from you, Creator and Sustainer. May these symbols of your gifts bring light to a dark and treacherous world, just as your truth brings joy and gladness to all. Receive our earthly treasure, given freely for your good work in humanity's name. Amen.

The Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (pew Bible pg.1055)

Moment of Silent Reflection

Meditation

Hymn of Response UMH#605
"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

Invitation to Imposition of Ashes

Invitation to Communion

You are invited to come and receive the elements of Ashes and Communion. Please come down the center aisle. You may receive the ashes from the pastor and then move outward to receive the communion elements. Then return via the side aisle.

Imposition Ashes and Communion

Sending Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH#402

Benediction

May the steadfast love of God sustain you in the weeks ahead, as you discover again the power of prayer. Treasure God's grace and seek joy in redemption, giving thanks for the fasting of your souls. For now is the time, today is the day of salvation!

*Music provided by Kay Case