



Deep Calls To Deep Lent – Easter 2021

Mid-Lent 2020 things began closing, cancelling, and locking down because of Covid-19. This pandemic has become much more real to us over the past year. The wilderness of Lent is all too real, as many of our usual resources, surroundings, activities, and circles of relationship are altered or have been removed. As a global community in this pandemic, we experience deep grief as well as invitations to a new spaciousness of time.

Lent invites us to dive into the scriptures for this season. The Lent biblical texts call us to identify what is essential, what really matters. Who we are at our core, and what God asks and doesn't ask of us. Lent may be a time of reopened grief and loss, but also a season of renewed questioning. What have or are we discovering to be the deepest and truest parts of our lives and our journeys with God?

The Lent theme is a call to go deeper. This can be overwhelming or frightening when we feel we are not ready, or when we are already overcome or exhausted, and do not know what we will find. We keep much of our pain in the depths. But the theme "Deep Calls To Deep" from Psalm 42:7 comes from a deeper place than the areas we usually think we can plan and control. God's call echoes in a deep place within us, a place where words of love spoken to Jesus at his baptism dwell: "You are my Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Live deeply into God's love throughout Lent.

Music, prayer, children's story, scripture, sermons, visual images are part of Lenten Sunday worship online. As well, worship is an opportunity to consider a specific response with a ritual as part of Lent. In the days before Lent 1, February 21, gather 6 stones/rocks per person in your household. Each week of Lent, as a response to worship use a marker to write or paints to draw a word or image from the Lent worship theme - how God is calling you.

Shrove/Pancake Tuesday February 16

Creator God, as we prepare to begin Lent, Thank You that you love all of us as your children. We know that you created the world and you created us. You created pancakes and you created our taste-buds too. Help us to enjoy 'pancake day' in a spirit of celebration of the goodness of your creation. Amen.

Ash Wednesday February 17



Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Gracious God, you are our sacred space within a swirling storm; you are our source of calm amid the chaos. Help us become more aware of your constant, gentle presence. We ask for your strength to sustain us, your love to replenish us, and your peace to fill us. Amen.

Lent 1 – February 21 Deep in the sea: Called to deep relationship

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

How is God calling you to deep relationship?

God calls you "Beloved"; what name do you give to God?

Lent 2 – February 28 Deep in the woods: Called to deep commitment

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

How is God calling you to deep commitment?

What do you sense God calling you to commit to more deeply?

Lent 3 – March 7 Deep in the changing sky: Called to deep wisdom

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

How is God calling you to deep wisdom?

What area of your life needs God's wisdom?

Lent 4 – March 14 Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

How is God calling you to deep healing?

What in your life needs God's healing today?

Lent 5 – March 21 Deep in the earth: Called to deep growth

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

How is God calling you to deep growth?

What do you need to let go of so that you can grow?



Lent 6 Palm/Passion Sunday – March 28 Deep in the current: Called to deep hope

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:12-16

How is God calling you to deep hope?

What steadies you when life rushes onward?

Good Friday – April 2 Worship and Communion Service

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

God, I have so few words to pray, but you have so many ways to answer. Keep me alert to your unpredictable answers and to your unexplainable surprises. Amen.



Easter Sunday – April 4 Deep in the feast: Called to deep living

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

Eternal God, source of all life, we marvel at the great gift of resurrection love. Your message of justice, forgiveness, and new life resounds in all spheres of life. May we mirror your grace. Amen.