

### **SEEKING GOD'S WAYS**

Lent - Easter 2022

In this season of Lent with the theme "Seeking God's Ways"

we are invited to reflect on lessons from scripture, revealing truth about the ways of God, as well as the ways God's people sometimes get it wrong. How people think God offers one thing (privilege) but what God really offers looks quite different (inclusion); how we think the world works one way (scarcity) but really it works a different way (abundance).

With our worship, Lenten practices, and life in community may we be encouraged to explore the ways BMC is being called to greater faithfulness.

#### **Shrove/Pancake Tuesday March 1**

Creator God, as we prepare to begin Lent, we know that you created the world and you created us. Thank you! 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 March 2



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 God who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew. Keep me every, by your Spirit, pure and strong and true. #550 God Who Touches Earth with Beauty - Voices Together

Lent 1 – March 6 Seeking God's Ways: from security to generosity

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

And I will raise you up on eagles wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.

#641 And I Will Raise You Up - Voices Together

Lent 2 – March 13 Seeking God's Ways: from fear to compassion Genesis 15:1-12, 17-12; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear. Don't be afraid. My love is strong and I have promised, promised to be always near. #596 Don't Be Afraid - Voices Together

Lent 3 – March 20 Seeking God's Ways: from earning to receiving Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. #610 Precious Lord, Take My Hand - Voices Together

## Lent 4 – March 27 Seeking God's Ways: from exceptionalism to inclusion

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. #802 Draw the Circle - Voices Together

#### Lent 5 - April 3 Seeking God's Ways: from scarcity to abundance

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

Were the whole real of nature mine, that were an offering far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

#322 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Voices Together

### Lent 6 – April 10 Palm / Passion Sunday Seeking God's Ways: from power over to power with

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;



Luke 22:14-23:56

Jesus is coming; pave the way with branches. Jesus is coming Hosanna! Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the Prince of Peace. #312 Jesus Is Coming - Voices Together

#### Maundy Thursday - April 14

Exodus 12:1-4; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15, 31-35

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

#778 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant - Voices Together

## Good Friday – April 15 Worship and Communion Service

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;



Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42 Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom . . .

#327 Jesus, Remember Me - Voices Together

# Easter Sunday – April 17 Seeking God's Ways: from certainty to openness



Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! All creation join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia! Sing, O heaven, and earth reply: Alleluia!

#346 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today - Voices Together