

# LENT AND EASTER AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LEBANON

## JOINING IN WORSHIP

### **March 5—Ash Wednesday**

**7:00 pm:** Ecumenical Service, with Imposition of Ashes  
(at First Baptist Church of Lebanon, corner of School and Green Sts.)

### **April 13—Palm Sunday**

**10:00 am:** Liturgy of the Psalms (“House of Cards,” *Matthew 21:1-11*)

### **April 17—Maundy Thursday**

**7:00 pm:** Service of Communion and Tenebrae, with Stripping of the Altar  
 (“The Church’s Original Sin,” *John 19:13-16*)

### **April 18—Good Friday**

**Noon-3:00 pm:** Quiet Meditation on the Seven Last Words, in the Sanctuary  
**3:00 pm:** Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Walk (meet at Sacred Heart Church)  
**7:00 pm:** Service of the Word and Prayer (“Midnight,” *Psalms 22*)

### **April 20—Easter Sunday**

**6:00 am:** Ecumenical Sunrise Service (in Colburn Park)  
**6:30 am:** Community Breakfast to benefit Second Growth (at FCC)  
**10:00 am:** Festival Worship Service (“Good Morning!” *Matthew 28:1-10*)

## ENGAGING THE WORD

### **“Where Are You?”—A Lenten Sermon Series**

On Good Friday we recall the poignant, disturbing plea of Jesus from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Yet as we do this, we hold fast to the belief that God is steadfast and true. Over four weeks we will consider and explore the stories of four of our biblical forebears and what they have to tell us as we contemplate one of the most challenging parts of the life of faith: those times when God seems absent.

**March 16—Naomi: Abandonment** (*Ruth 1:19-22*)

**March 23—Jonah: Resentment** (*Jonah 3:10-4:3*)

**March 30—Job: Suffering** (*Job 31:35-40*)

**April 6—Mary: Loss** (*John 19:25b-30*)

### **Jonah: Unlikely Prophet, Unlikely Penitent—An Adult Education Series**

Though included among the Bible’s Book of the Twelve Prophets, Jonah’s central figure is never called a prophet and the book contains no oracles, as are found in other prophetic books. What’s going on here? Why is this seemingly familiar but exceedingly strange book included in Scripture, and what does it teach us about the life of faith, especially during this Lenten season?

Join us for this three-week adult education series before worship at  
**9:00 am on March 23, March 30, and April 6.**

### **Daily Lenten Reflections**

Every day from Ash Wednesday through Easter morning, the Rev. Steve Silver delivers a reflection on a psalm to your email inbox. Sign up by sending a message to [church@fcclb.org](mailto:church@fcclb.org).

## SHARING GOD’S BOUNTY WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

### **Sunday, March 30—One Great Hour of Sharing**

A nationwide special mission offering for health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives around the world.

### **Sunday, April 13—Church School Lenten Lunch Bag Collection**

A special offering supporting student scholarships in El Salvador and supplies for David’s House at DHMC.