

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2025

Dear Davis UMC Sojourner,

With this update, I invite you to gather as siblings of Christ and be nurtured by the sacraments, liturgy, and stories of our faith tradition embodied in the 40-day church season we call “Lent,” which begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through the days we call Holy Week. Below you will find a calendar of services designed to enhance our faith journey so we may examine our lives in relation to the life of Jesus who, like us, faithfully pursued the way of God for his life and for the sake of the world.

With the gracious assistance of our worship team: musicians, readers, greeters, ushers, audio/visual technicians, office and childcare personnel and others, we are able to offer these worship experiences that give expression to our needs and hopes and that challenge us to integrate the way of Jesus into our lives as we seek God’s loving Way for our future.

Plan now for these holy days as we seek to grow in faith and solidarity with our siblings most in need for, we need them, too! This is the way of Jesus in God’s kin-dom.

May we come to know and to follow the way of Jesus always! -- *Pastor Brandon*



April 13th PALM SUNDAY 9:45 AM *Procession of the Palms

We gather in the fellowship hall to retrieve our palm branches in preparation for our “march” with Jesus into the sanctuary. Please arrive early to take part.

April 17th MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 PM *Holy Thursday

We gather in the sanctuary for communion and the washing of feet/hands as we remember the model of Jesus’ servant leadership for us. According to the gospels, Jesus’ cabinet of disciples were exposed to his model of leadership, which challenged their mindset of what it means to wield power in the context of the Roman Empire and their religious institutions. Jesus’ way of love is counterintuitive, powerful at the level of love, and shapes the world for good and for all. This worship service provides a reminder for how to practice the Way of Jesus.

***April 18th GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 PM - Noon @ St. Martin’s Episcopal Church**

Stations of the Cross & Taize Music

640 Hawthorn Lane, Davis, CA (530) 756-0444

Join Revs. Drs. Pamela Dolan and Brandon Austin for a meaningful and reflective worship experience as we encounter Jesus’ solidarity with our humanity in all of our suffering in the faith that death does not offer the final word; love does! We will walk and reflect on the Stations of the Cross and walk the labyrinth as a prayer.

April 20th EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATING RESURRECTION

8:00 AM

“Sunrise” Easter Worship (communion - sanctuary)

In the sacrament of communion, we greet the new day inaugurated by God in the resurrection of Jesus with the words: “HE IS RISEN!”

10:00 AM

Traditional Easter Worship

11:15 AM

Our children hunt for Easter eggs – signs of new life among us!