

The Sounds of the Passion

Lent 2020

At St. James United Methodist Church

During the Sunday mornings of Lent, we will hear the sounds of the passion of Jesus Christ. Sound is all around us; we associate sounds with memories, and sounds evoke deeply ingrained responses. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, all are invited to join in the daily reading so that we may grow in faith together. Please take time each day to read and reflect on the daily reading, and pray that God may show you grace to understand more about the love of Christ as we hear together the sounds of Christ's passion.

Ash Wednesday week beginning February 26

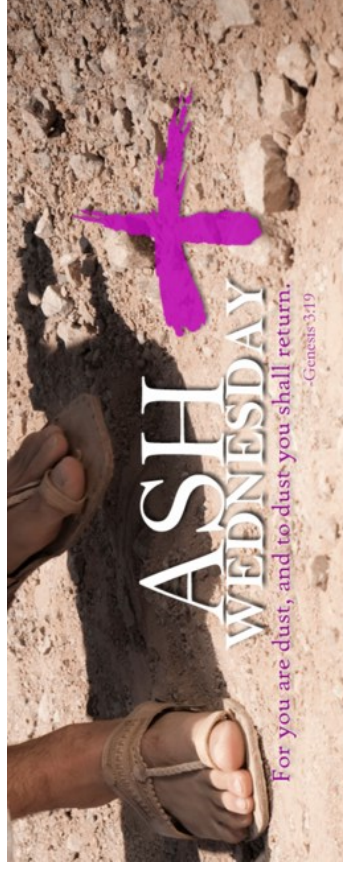
Ash Wednesday: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

Thursday: Psalm 51: 1-17

Friday: 2 Corinthians 5: 20-6: 10

Saturday: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Prayer focus: Pray that you will hear God's call to faith and discipleship. Pray for the persecuted church this week.



Week beginning March 1
Sounds of the Passion: Clinking Coins

Sunday: Matthew 26: 14-16

Monday: Matthew 21: 12-13

Tuesday: Matthew 17: 24-28

Wednesday: Matthew 22: 15-22

Thursday: Mark 12: 41-44

Friday: John 2: 13-21

Saturday: Psalm 10

Prayer focus: Pray that we would be turned away from worldly greed and toward holy living. Pray for the leaders of our world this week.





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Week beginning March 8
Sounds of the Passion: Pouring Water

Sunday: John 13: 1-17; 31-35
Monday: John 4: 10-15
Tuesday: Psalm 63
Wednesday: Isaiah 12
Thursday: John 7: 37-39
Friday: 1 Corinthians 3: 5-15
Saturday: Micah 6: 6-8

Week beginning March 15

Sounds of the Passion: Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sunday: John 6: 35-40

Monday: John 6: 41-51

Tuesday: John 6: 1-14

Wednesday: Luke 22: 7-23

Thursday: Proverbs 9: 1-6

Friday: Matthew 9: 14-17

Saturday: Psalm 116: 12-19

Prayer focus: Pray that we would live in communion with Christ, being nurtured by his very life. Pray for those who are hungry physically and spiritually.



Week beginning March 22
Sounds of the Passion:
Rooster Crowing

Sunday: Matthew 26: 31-35
Monday: Matthew 26: 69-75
Tuesday: Matthew 12: 33-37
Wednesday: Luke 6: 22-23
Thursday: Romans 14: 1-12
Friday: Hebrews 4: 12-13
Saturday: 1 Peter 4: 1-6



Prayer focus: Pray that we would be awake, living and proclaiming Christ with our entire lives. Pray for those who are timid in speaking the love of Christ to the world.

Week beginning March 29

Sounds of the Passion:

Hammer Ringing

Sunday: Matthew 27: 32-38

Monday: Jeremiah 23: 23-32

Tuesday: Romans 6: 1-11

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Thursday: Galatians 2: 19-21

Friday: Isaiah 2: 1-4

Saturday: Job 42: 1-6



Prayer focus: Pray that we would allow our sins to die with Christ that we may live for Christ always. Pray for those who persecute believers and mock the church.



Week beginning April 5
Sounds of the Passion: Crowd Roaring

Sunday: Matthew 21: 1-11
Monday: John 12: 1-11
Tuesday: John 12: 20-36
Wednesday: John 13: 21-32
Thursday: Matthew 27: 15-25
Friday: Hebrews 10: 16-25
Saturday: Matthew 27: 57-66

Prayer focus: Pray that we would join the throng of those praising and glorifying God and that we would never desert Christ. Pray for those who have turned away from Christ, that their hearts would be softened.

April 12

**Sounds of the Passion:
Earth Quaking, Guards Fainting,
People Praising**

Matthew 28: 1-10

