

POWELL FUND FOR THE CREATIVE WORD SPEAKER

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The Enduring Power of Negro Spirituals

Their history, relevance, and future

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

"Negro Spirituals are a unique and profound art form that emerged out of the suffering, resilience, and deep faith of enslaved Africans in America. They represent not only a cornerstone of African American heritage but also a central thread in the broader tapestry of American religious and cultural life.

This presentation will offer Pilgrim Church an opportunity to engage deeply with these songs as both sacred tradition and living testimony."

A workshop will follow service, with complimentary luncheon included

Register online for Luncheon by March 18

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10 AM Service
Luncheon - 11:30 AM
Workshop - 12 noon



HOLY WEEK

March 29

PALM SUNDAY

10am Worship Service Live and Streaming
Welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem

April 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00pm Joint Worship with Bethel AME
in Boston and on Zoom
Commemorating Seven Last Words of Christ

April 3

GOOD FRIDAY

7:30pm Service Live and Streaming
*A remembrance of Christ's passion in word,
music and imagery.*

April 4

HOLY SATURDAY

6:00-10:00pm Prayer Vigil

April 5

EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 am - Sunrise Service

*At Farm Pond, Sherborn
and streaming*

10am - Traditional Easter Service

*Live in the Sanctuary
and streaming*

Lent 2026



OUR 40 DAY JOURNEY

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LENT



WHAT IS LENT?

Wilderness

The season of Lent is the time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter. (Sundays are not included in the count.) The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ – his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. Lent lasts forty days because Jesus went into the wilderness for forty days of fasting, meditation, and reflection before beginning his ministry. We are encouraged to use this time for spiritual growth. Will you join us?



CHRIST'S LIGHT & NEW LIFE IN TIMES OF CHALLENGE

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EDGE OF NIGHT, LIGHT BLEEDS INTO THIS WORLD."

— OLIVIA HAWKER, *THE RAGGED EDGE OF NIGHT*

FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday Service 7:30PM

Live at Pilgrim Church in partnership with our sisters and brothers from Bethel AME; streamed as well.

FEBRUARY 22 & MARCH 1, 15, 29

Sunday Sermon Series 10:00AM

Pastor John and others will speak about themes raised in the book "The Ragged Edge of Night". Topics include courage, resilience, faith in times of dark and doubt, and the moral imperative of the Gospel.

MARCH 27

The First Easter Story 4:00PM

Storytelling & Crafts for Children and Young Families

Join us and bring a friend to hear the Story of Easter! What are some symbols of Easter (eggs, lilies, sunrise) and what do they mean? At this low-key and fun gathering, we will also have an Easter Egg Hunt, make Easter crafts and enjoy an Easter-themed snack. No need to RSVP!



ALL-CHURCH LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION TIMES

Sundays (Zoom and in-person)

FEB 22 & MAR 1, 15, 29

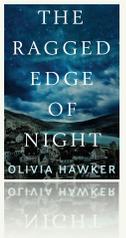
11:30AM

Meets in room 10, on the 2nd floor, or

Wednesdays (Zoom only)

FEB 25, MAR 4, 18 & APR 1

9:30AM



Based in part on actually historic events and set in 1942 Germany and a small town, *The Ragged Edge of Night* tells the epic tale of Anton Starzmann, a priest turned husband and father who eventually becomes a leader in the German resistance movement against Nazism. Along the way he finds hope and purpose amidst some of the darkest days of the 20th century.

All are welcome to join! Look for the Zoom link in our weekly eWord or call our office for assistance.



WE DO GODLY PLAY!

Every Sunday during worship
(except holiday weekends)

Pilgrim Church Sunday School welcomes children to hear and play with sacred stories from the Christian tradition. During this Lenten Season, children will learn about Jesus' Parables and do hands-on activities like baking Lenten pretzels and planting an Easter garden. New children are always welcome! Nursery Care is also offered during the service.