

February 20, 2026

Greetings on the First Friday in Lent

Last Sunday, we honored **Jack Irby, Tom Kintzi, and Deborah Donnell** with the **St. Stephen's Cross** in recognition of their many years of faithful service, which have strengthened the life and mission of our parish. Across our 103-year history, countless leaders have offered their wisdom, perseverance, and loving labor for the sake of this community. We give thanks for them -- and for all who serve Christ among us. We look forward to honoring additional parish leaders at next year's Annual Meeting!



This Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent, and after church we will launch our Lenten **Sunday Forum** series. We will gather at **11:30 in the Parish Hall** to explore the **Meaning of Lent** and how we understand Jesus Christ's work of salvation through the cross. From this, we will develop intentions for how we spend this Lenten season, releasing those things that separate us from God and reorienting our lives to God's desires for us and all of creation.

Sunday Hymns Preview

Click on the title to listen

#149 Eternal Lord of Love

#145 Now Quit Your Care

#657 Love Divine



Next Wednesday: Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 pm, in the Nave

This Wednesday, February 25, will be **a very special evening of celebration and blessing!** Bishop Phil LaBelle will preside as we renew our mutual ministry and institute Rev. Jennifer as the next rector of the parish. The bishop will also **bless our new preschool**, Laurelhurst Early Learning, and give **thanks for the leadership and generosity of Cloud 9.**

Lenten Sunday Forums:
11:30 am in the Parish Hall
New Dates!

The Meaning of Lent

February 22

Taking Stock and Preparing for End of Life

March 1

Forgiveness and Reconciliation

March 8

Lenten Practice: Planning Your Funeral

March 15



Holy Week: March 29-April 5

Palm Sunday, March 29

10:00 am in the Nave

Holy Eucharist, Procession of Palms,
and Sunday of the Passion

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Community Agape Dinner, Holy
Eucharist, Foot washing

Good Friday, April 3

7:00 pm in the Nave

The Passion, Solemn Collects, and
Contemplation of the Cross



Easter Sunday: April 5

10:00 am in the Nave

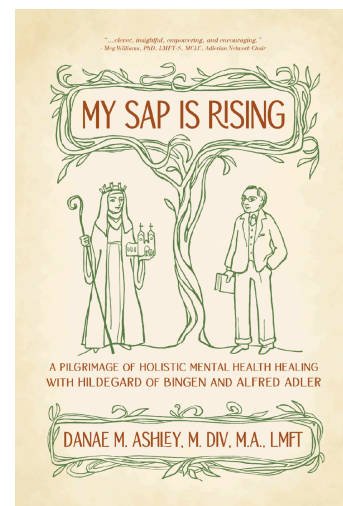
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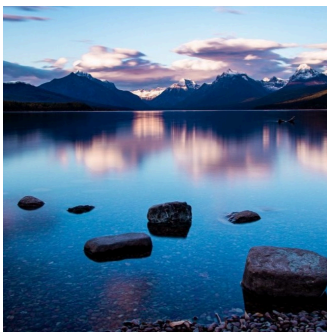


Book Launch: My Sap is Rising by the Rev. Danae Ashley and Hildegard of Bingen Compline Prayer Service

Friday, March 27 7:00 pm-9:45 pm in the Parish Hall and the Chapel

You are invited to celebrate the Rev. Danae Ashley's debut book, *My Sap is Rising!* **There will be a presentation by the author with selected readings from the book, a panel discussion with the author, Kester Limner (illustrator), and the Rev. Dr. Angela Yarber of Tehom Center Publishing, and a book signing.** We will close our celebration with a beautiful Compline Prayer Service featuring selections of Hildegard of Bingen's music and writings. It is going to be a remarkable evening—full of *viriditas!* Learn more at www.danaeashley.com.





Still Waters: Community, Contemplation, and Action

Tuesdays: 10:00 am in the Parish Hall, 7:00 pm on Zoom

Join your community for a new weekly group led by Elizabeth Clark-Stern designed to **deepen our connection** to each other and to God, and **create a confidential space** for sharing our challenges, joys, and ideas about our calling. Inspired by the program innovated by Richard Rohr, this group will offer the weekly practices of Still Waters, including some gentle Thai Chi and a 10 minute Centering Prayer. **The group will meet each**

Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall or 7:00 pm on Zoom. **Contact Elizabeth Clark Stern here** to receive the Zoom link.

Coming Up at St. Stephen's

Sundays 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Coffee Hour (Nave and Parish Hall)
Sundays 3:00 pm Youth Group Food Program (Narthex)
Tuesdays 10:00 am Still Waters: Community, Contemplation, and Action (Parish Hall)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

February 22 11:30 am Forum: The Meaning of Lent (Parish Hall)
February 25 6:30 pm Renewal of Ministry with Welcoming of a New Rector (Nave)
March 1 11:30 am Forum: Taking Stock and Preparing for End of Life (Parish Hall)
March 8 11:30 am Forum: Forgiveness and Reconciliation (Parish Hall)
March 15 11:30 am Forum: Lenten Practice: Plan Your Funeral (Parish Hall)
March 27 7:00 pm My Sap is Rising Book Launch and Hildegard of Bingen Compline Prayer Service (Parish Hall & Chapel)
March 29 10:00 am Palm Sunday (Nave)
March 30 1:00 pm Celebration of Life of Mary Fran Hopkins (Chapel)

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