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Dear Friends,

*“For God So Loved . . .”
- John 3:16*

Ash Wednesday greets us as we step into the month of March. It is a reminder that we begin a journey to the cross, a journey that ends at an empty tomb.

Lent is a time to stand beneath the cross and to be reminded of the fact that we are loved people. The love of God knows no limit when it pursues those He created. It is a suffering, dying and giving love.

Oswald Chambers writes, "In the Cross we may see the dimensions of Divine love. The Cross is not the cross of a man, but the exhibition of the heart of God. At the back of the wall of the world stands God with His arms outstretched, and every man driven there is driven into the arms of God. The Cross of Jesus is the supreme evidence of the love of God."

The messages at Sunday Worship Services during Lent will center on the theme, "Make Me Like Jesus". We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue His sanctifying work in our lives as He continues to draw us to Himself and create a heart like Jesus in us.

During Wednesday Chapel Services we will focus our thoughts on "Hands". Hands will help us tell the story and events of Jesus last days. In those lives and stories we will see ourselves and our lives as we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem.

Lent provides us with the opportunity to let the light and power of God's love stir us, renew us and revive our faith. I encourage you in this season of Lent to spend precious time in God's presence through worship, prayer, and devotion.

In His Service,

Chaplain Sandy Anenson
