

### HILLCREST COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES

You are invited to join us from 12-1 PM on Fridays during the season of Lent for a community-wide, ecumenical worship service!

Each week, we will gather in a different Hillcrest congregation and hear from the pastors who serve our neighborhood. A light, meatless lunch will follow, offering the opportunity to fellowship and get to know other Christians in Hillcrest. We hope to see you there!

Blessings, Rev. Katye Chambers

### MARCH 14 « @HOPE CHURCH

Preacher: Dr. Rex Horne (Hope Church)

Address: 2200 Kavanaugh Blvd.

### MARCH 21 « @HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Preacher: Rev. Ruskin Falls (Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church)

Address: 1003 N Tyler St.

### MARCH 28 « @PULASKI HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preacher: Rev. Katye Chambers (Pulaski Heights UMC)

Address: 4401 Woodlawn Dr.

### APRIL 4 « @PULASKI HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

Preacher: Fr. Daniel Velasco (Holy Souls Catholic Church)

Address: 2200 Kavanaugh Blvd.

### APRIL 11 « @PULASKI HEIGHTS UMC

Preacher: Rev. Brenda Holder (Pulaski Heights Baptist Church)

Address: 4823 Woodlawn Dr.

### JESUS' SEVEN STATEMENTS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Week (the week before Easter). Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencten, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is also a time of self-examination and reflection. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples, and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

This year, we at Pulaski Heights UMC will be focusing on who Jesus reveals himself to be through his "I Am" statements. Each week in worship you will hear a different "I Am" statement of Jesus from the gospel of John. In order to fully understand the meaning of these words, though, we really must better understand the life and ministry of Jesus. And so, we are inviting our congregation to read the Gospel of John together during the season of Lent. Enclosed in this booklet is a guide for reading and reflecting on this story of Jesus. Each day you can read a portion of the gospel, and over the course of Lent we will read the entirety of John's gospel together. The verses printed in the booklet are the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE). You are invited to read it along with your own Bible and translation and reflect on words, phrases or questions that stand out to you.

May this Lent bring about a deeper understanding of Jesus' life for us and for the world and our calling to follow him as disciples.

- Rev. Kathleen McMurray

### ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 JOHN 1:1-28

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

	PRAYER
	MARCH 6 JOHN 1:29-51
<sup>29</sup> Here	e is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
	PRAYER

### MARCH 7 JOHN 2:1-25

<sup>18</sup> What sign can you show us for doing this?

MARCH 8 JOHN 3:1-21
ndeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.
PRAYER



### SUNDAY, MARCH 9 JOHN 8:12-20

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."
<sup>13</sup> Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. <sup>18</sup> I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." <sup>19</sup> Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.


### MARCH 10 JOHN 3:22-36

 $^{35}$  The Father loves the son and has placed all things in his hands.

PRAYER

### MARCH 11 JOHN 4:1-42

<sup>29</sup> He cannot be the Messiah, can he?

### MARCH 12 JOHN 4:43-54

<sup>48</sup> Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.

PRAYER	

### MARCH 13 JOHN 5:1-30

<sup>21</sup> Just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the son gives life to whomever he wishes.

### MARCH 14 JOHN 5:31-47

<sup>36</sup> The words that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.

PRAYER

### MARCH 15 JOHN 6:1-21

<sup>20</sup> It is I; do not be afraid.



### SUNDAY, MARCH 16 JOHN 10:1-10

<sup>1</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

### MARCH 17 JOHN 6:22-59

<sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

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MARCH 18
JOHN 6:60-71
<sup>63</sup> The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
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PRAYER

### MARCH 19 JOHN 7:1-31

<sup>25</sup> Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill?

PRAYER	

### MARCH 20 JOHN 7:32-53

<sup>37b</sup> Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

### MARCH 21 JOHN 8:1-30

<sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I judge no one.

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### MARCH 22 JOHN 8:31-59

<sup>58</sup> Very truly I tell you, before Abraham was, I AM.



### SUNDAY, MARCH 23 JOHN 10:11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

### MARCH 24 JOHN 9:1-41

 $^{5}$  As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

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### MARCH 25 JOHN 10:1-21

<sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18a</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.

PRAYER	

### MARCH 26 JOHN 10:22-42

 $^{\rm 25}$  The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me.

PRAYER	

### MARCH 27 JOHN 11:1-27

<sup>25b</sup> Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26a</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

### MARCH 28

	JOHN 11:28-57
<sup>40</sup> Did I no <sup>.</sup>	ot tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?
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	MARCH 29
	JOHN 12:1-26
23 -	The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
	PRAYER



### SUNDAY, MARCH 30 JOHN 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

### MARCH 31 JOHN 12:27-50

 $^{32}$  I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.

PRAYER	
APRIL 1	

### JOHN 13:1-20

<sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.

### APRIL 2 JOHN 13:21-38

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

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	APRIL 3
	JOHN 14:1-14
i	<sup>12</sup> The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, n fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Fathe
	PRAYER

### APRIL 4 JOHN 14:15-31

<sup>26b</sup> The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27a</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

PRAYER	

### APRIL 5 JOHN 15:1-17

<sup>4</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.



### SUNDAY, APRIL 6 JOHN 6:35-38

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

### APRIL 7 JOHN 15:18-27

<sup>18</sup> If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.

PRAYER

### APRIL 8 JOHN 16:1-15

<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14a</sup> He will glorify me.

### APRIL 9 JOHN 16:16-33

<sup>33</sup> I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!

PRAYER

### APRIL 10 JOHN 17:1-26

<sup>21</sup> As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

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<sup>5</sup> I am He.

PRAYER

### APRIL 12 JOHN 18:25-40

 $^{36}$  My kingdom does not belong to this world.



### PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13 JOHN 14:1-4

<sup>1</sup> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going."

### APRIL 14 JOHN 19:1-27

<sup>11</sup> You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above.

PRAYER

### APRIL 15 JOHN 19:28-42

<sup>30</sup> It is finished.

### APRIL 16

	JOHN 20:1-18	
17	<sup>7</sup> I am ascending to my Father, and your Father, to my God and your God.	
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	APRIL 17 JOHN 20:19-30	
	ese are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messic he Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.	ah,
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### APRIL 18 JOHN 21:1-14

<sup>12b</sup> They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish.

PRAYER	
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### APRIL 19 JOHN 21:15-25

<sup>19</sup> Follow me.



### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 JOHN 11:25-26a

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.



### LENTSEASTER

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### MARCH 5 « ASH WEDNESDAY

Imposition of Ashes | Sanctuary | 7 AM (Drop-in)
Drive thru Ashes | Upper Parking Deck | 8-10 AM
Ash Wednesday Service | Sanctuary | 12 & 6 PM

### APRIL 13 « PALM SUNDAY

Classic Worship w/ Palm Procession | Sanctuary | 9 & 11 AM Modern Worship w/ Palm Procession | Wesley Hall | 9 & 11 AM Children's Palm Parade | Courtyard | 10:15 AM

### APRIL 17 « MAUNDY THURSDAY

Prayer Stations w/ Communion | Wesley Hall | 12 PM Communion Service | Sanctuary | 7 PM

### APRIL 18 « GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae | Sanctuary | 12 PM Tenebrae (with Choir) | Sanctuary | 7 PM

### APRIL 19 « EASTER SATURDAY

Easter Egg Hunt | War Memorial Pavillion | 10:30 AM Easter Saturday Worship | Sanctuary | 5 PM

### APRIL 20 « EASTER SUNDAY

Classic Worship | Sanctuary | 8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM Modern Worship | Wesley Hall | 9:45 & 11 AM

### APRIL 21 « EASTER MONDAY

Church offices closed

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