



## The Season of Lent Begins

### Living the Questions: A Lenten Journey

What are your questions about faith? What are the things that you keep asking God over and over? What are the questions you wonder about how or why we live as followers of Jesus?

In the gospels, the followers and challengers of Jesus asked him 187 questions. Jesus answered (maybe) 8 of them. Jesus himself asked 307 questions. It seems that asking questions, good and deep questions, was a significant part of the life of Jesus and the lives of the early disciples.

The season of Lent is a time of introspection and discovery - a time when we are invited to deepen our connection with and understanding of the God who journeys with us throughout our lives. This year, we will make this journey through those questions that are foundational to the human experience, and to our faith.

The questions we will ponder in worship have been suggested by a small but diverse group of Westminster members. Perhaps you have some of the same questions; perhaps you have others. Some of these are questions that faithful people have been pondering since the

beginning of time. Others feel deeply connected to *this* time in our world and community. And certainly there are many more questions we could ask. Still, we invite you to join us on this quest of inquiry, as we “live the questions together,” seeking the God who is both our guide and our answer.

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## **Sunday Worship Series: Living the Questions**

**February 26**

*How Do I Raise My Kids With Faith?*

**After Worship**

Annual Meeting

**March 5**

*If Jesus is the Way, What About Other Faiths?*

**After Worship**

Sermon Talk-back (Smart Room/Hybrid)

**March 12** LIFT Sunday

*If I Have Faith, Why Am I So Afraid?*

**March 19**

*Should I Stay Christian?*

**After Worship**

Sermon Talk-back (Smart Room/Hybrid)

**March 26**

*What Happens When We Die?*

**After Worship**

Sermon Talk-back (Smart Room/Hybrid)

**April 2** Passion/Palm Sunday

*If God Is Good, Why Is The World A Mess?*

**After Worship**

Sermon Talk-back (Smart Room/Hybrid)

**April 9** Easter Sunday

*What Happened at the Resurrection?*

*What Does It Mean?*



**Book Study:**  
***Do I Stay Christian?* by Brian McLaren**  
**Thursdays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on Zoom**  
**March 9 - April 6, 2023**

Join Rev. Julie Emery for a conversation about author Brian McLaren's newest book, "*Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned.*"

People have been abandoning the Christian Faith in the droves for years. Why? McLaren's latest book offers insight into this recent trend for those of us who remain by forcing us to contend with some of the hard questions about Christianity's historical and present-day struggles. He also offers to those with one foot out the door profound and compelling reasons to stay and recommit to the Christian Faith. This is a book that we should all contend with if we hope to be ambassadors for Christ in today's world. Copies of the book are available in the office for those who would like to borrow them for the duration of the book group.

From the Dust Jacket:

*This book publicly addresses the powerful question that surprising numbers of people are asking in private. McLaren does not urge Christians to dig in their heels, nor does he warn them to run for the exit...According to McLaren, there is a way to say both yes and no to the question by shifting the focus from whether we stay Christian to how we stay human. If this is a question that you're asking - or someone you love is asking - this is the book you've been waiting for.*

Click the link below to connect to this book study via Zoom.

**Zoom Link for Book Study**

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