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Lent is a season that anticipates the hope of spring. Lent means "lengthen," and rejoices in the lengthening of days. It's a season of spiritual discipline, yes. But it's also a season of optimism, anticipation, and hope regarding a future full of life.

We are proud of the way this church has been cautious throughout this global pandemic. But because of decreasing cases, increased immunity and accessibility to vaccines, we're excited to be taking steps forward.

This Lent, we are bringing back some of our beloved traditions at HTLC.



Starting the March 6, we're bringing back the noisy offering in church. On Sundays, we're going to have a children's sermon each week, and the choir is going to start practicing at 8am each week. We will continue to have hot coffee and donuts following Sunday's service and soup supers before Wednesday's worship. On Wednesdays, we're bringing the kids back to worship, and then breaking off for Crew Time back in Paul's Place during the sermon. We rejoice in the anticipation of the full intergenerational worship experience.

We are still strongly encouraging masks, asking everyone to do so when singing. We're still going to use individual communion cups. We're still asking you to worship from home if you are sick or have someone in the household sick. We're still asking you to worship from home for 10 days after you've tested positive or had close contact. Thank you for your continued sensitivity and cooperation.

As we journey through this season of lent, as people of faith, we have our eyes on Easter. We have our eyes on the proclamation that God is making all things new. That God is preparing a season full of life in this faith community, and in our own lives. Good days are ahead. Easter is coming!

In Easter's optimism, anticipation and hope,
Pastors Alicia and Ben