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As a regular practice, I need to return to the center of faith,
like a phone recharging,
like a scale recalibrating,
like a sunflower turning toward the sun.

The practice of faithful re-centering is especially important when life has been marked by disruption, disorientation, sorrow and grief.

This has been a disorienting and sorrowful year, hasn't it?

Along with my clergy colleagues, we invite you to focus on the center of our faith during the season of Lent, which begins next week on Ash Wednesday, February 17.



Love at the Center is our Lenten theme. Love is at the center of our scriptures and the practices of our faith: God's love for creation, and our responding love of God and neighbor.

During Lent, we will be preaching on the centrality of love in the Biblical texts and in the practice of Christian faith.

We also invite you to join us in a congregational read of the book *Love Is The Way*, a new book by Michael Curry, the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church (you may also know him as the preacher at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle). We will offer several discussion groups to reflect on his pastoral and personal insights on love.

Bishop Curry is "encouraging a revival of love as a way to a liberating and life-giving relationship with God, with others, with all God's creation on the planet we call Earth."

Curry recognizes "a universal hunger at the heart of every human being: to love and be loved. It connects all people of faith, hope, and good will."

May this be a season of re-centering our lives in the love of God.

Watch our newsletter, Events at the Hills, for details on Ash Wednesday and our Lenten sermon series and book discussion groups.

Peace,

Rev. Matthew Wooster
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Note: Michael Curry, *Love Is The Way*, 2020, pages 8-9.