Lent 2027

strange comfort

What brings you the most comfort?

Slipping into your favorite sweatpants or cozy slippers? The presence of a good friend or your family? Your cat curled up on your lap? A warm cup of tea or a hot shower? Listening to old familiar music or watching a favorite show? What enables you to sink in, settle down, and let out a long held sigh?

Whatever it is, you're unlikely to find it in this Lenten series. This Lent, comfort takes on more *unfamiliar* forms.

The Spirit is urging us to embrace the strange. It's a weird and wild journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Scripture that we've been through a time or two (or ten) is actually **soaked with strangeness** when we pause to examine it anew.

The promises, teachings, and actions of the scripture in RCL Lent B will challenge us and what we experience daily. Feelings of discomfort may well be front and center as we allow ourselves to **encounter the unexpected.**

Yet as odd as it may be, **it won't be only uncomfortable**. We will find strange comfort as God transforms that which alienates us into that which grounds us. God uses strangeness to expand our hearts and broaden our minds, and we are better able to **embrace the strangeness of others and ourselves**, and to find comfort in experiences that otherwise bring pain.

Strange Comfort includes:

- **Preachers' Notes** for each Sunday between February 14 and March 28
- **Children's sermon starters**
- **Sunday liturgy** with worship texts for the Lenten season, including a Call to Worship, Confession and Forgiveness, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of the People, Offering Prayer, Eucharist liturgy, and Blessing
- **Midweek Worship liturgy** focused on spiritual practices
- At-Home **Daily Lenten Devotions** with graphics suite for easy sharing
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