

# Altar'd

a Lenten series on  
the transformative power of surrender  
February 18 - March 24.

## **Altar'd: The Transforming Power of Surrender**

February 18- March 24, 2024

Altars have always represented change. They are the places where sacred space meets our surrender and leads into authentic spiritual transformation. From the beginning of time, God's people have built altars to mark the places where God spoke, gave direction, or gave his blessing. It is the place where God's people surrendered offerings to him in obedience. Join us this Lent as we discover how Jesus transforms and heals us through altars!

### **Wednesday Night during Lent: Altar'd**

Each Sunday in Lent, we will discover the power of altars in our own lives. And each Wednesday night, from 6:20-7:30 (with dinner at 5:45), we will be gathering to go deeper on Sunday's teaching, working through one chapter of the study, with the help of a teaching video and discussion questions.

If you would like a copy of the book for yourself, contact Kris at [office@coopervilleumc.org](mailto:office@coopervilleumc.org) or 616.997.9225.

We have 10 books for \$15.00 each.

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## **Week 1: February 18**

### **"Altar'd: Making Space to Surrender"**

**THEME:** God calls us to make space to surrender so we can experience the power of transformation.

**KEY STATEMENT:** A new life requires space and surrender.

**ALTAR STORY:** Noah

**PRIMARY TEXT:** Genesis 8:15–20

## **Week 2: February 25**

### **"Altar'd: Surrender It All"**

**THEME:** God calls us to surrender our control and demonstrate our commitment through obedience.

**KEY STATEMENT:** Commitment cannot be conditional.

**ALTAR STORY:** Abraham and Isaac

**OT OFFERING:** Burnt Offering

**PRIMARY TEXT:** Genesis 22:1–19

**Week 3: March 3**  
**“Altar’d: Renew our Faith”**

**THEME:** God calls us to surrender our worry and place Him first in our lives.

**KEY STATEMENT:** We may want everything, but God must be our only thing.

**ALTAR STORY:** Elijah

**OT OFFERING:** Grain Offering

**PRIMARY TEXT:** 1 Kings 18:21–22, 30–39

**Week 4: March 10**  
**“Altar’d: Sacrifice of Praise”**

**THEME:** God calls us to surrender our thanks to receive His peace.

**KEY STATEMENT:** Praise brings peace with God and our community.

**ALTAR STORY:** Joshua

**OT OFFERING:** Peace Offering

**PRIMARY TEXT:** Joshua 8:30–35

**Week 5: March 17**  
**“Altar’d: Freedom!”**

**THEME:** God calls us to surrender our past to receive His freedom.

**KEY STATEMENT:** In facing our past, God provides our freedom.

**ALTAR STORY:** Jacob wrestles God

**OT OFFERING:** Sin Offering

**PRIMARY TEXT:** Genesis 32:22–32; 33:18–20

**Week 6: March 24**  
**“Altar’d: At What Cost?”**

**THEME:** God calls us to surrender our pain to receive His restoration.

**KEY STATEMENT:** Our cost to follow Christ is to surrender our failure.

**ALTAR STORY:** David

**OT OFFERING:** Guilt Offering

**PRIMARY TEXT:** 1 Chronicles 21:18–26