

Station Two: BROKENNESS

Activity:

Read or listen to the reflection for Station Two, if time permits. Then pick up a piece of shattered pottery (the stones are for younger children, or anyone who might be uncomfortable with the sharp edges of the pottery). Notice the edges of the pottery, or the weight of the stone. Consider: What brokenness or heaviness in the world or in your life do you need this to symbolize today?

Reflection takeaways:

- We are made of the Earth, we belong here in creation, and yet the Earth is very broken, as evidenced by so many issues: environmental destruction, racism, lack of human kindness, a politically fragmented society, the long shadow of COVID. What else?
- Ash Wednesday and all of Lent is a season dedicated to reflecting on this brokenness. Not to wallow in it or feel personally bad about it. **We reflect on this brokenness so that we can be honest about it.** Christ once said, “the truth will set you free.” For **reconciliation, healing, and new life** to happen, they all must begin with telling the truth.
- Reflecting on our brokenness is not the end of the story. It is the beginning of a new chapter.
- What brokenness in the world or in your life are you craving to be healed and reconciled? Are you willing to have that healing begin today?

Take either your shattered pottery or stone with you on your prayer walk. You will need it for station 4.