



with Rev. Ruth Roberts  
1st Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2020

## Preparing Our Hearts

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

## Gathering

In this season we worship, remembering Jesus' death in love for us and all people.

**Lent is a time of tears.**

But out of tears, joy is born – the joy of sin forgiven, hope reborn and life restored.

**We stand in awe of the God who brings joys out of tears, and life out of death.**

**Let us worship with reverence. Amen**

## Prayer

### Call to Confession

Standing beneath the cross of Jesus, as we observe the season of Lent, is a sobering experience, for the cross judges both our world and our individual lives. Each of us falls short of the resolve and dedication to God which Jesus exhibited by the way he lived and died. As women and men who live in a twisted world and are all too weak in spirit, join together in the prayer of confession.

### Prayer of Confession

In Jesus Christ, God came among us to save us from sin and death. In walking to the cross, Christ freed us from the bondage of guilt and judgement. We come before God now seeking grace freely given.

**Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

When we hear and obey the voice of the world rather than turning to you for guidance –

**Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

When we critically judge others without wanting to look at ourselves –

**Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

When we fail to love any of your people out of fear and prejudice –

**Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

### Listening

Scripture: Luke 4:1-4

Thoughts on Temptation

Silent Reflection

### Responding

Communion

Silent Reflection

### Sending

**Lead us on our journey from who we are to who you want us to be; so that patience is built into us, kindness is assumed in us, gentleness is part of us, compassion flows from us, truth is second nature to us, and the commitment of love is part of us. Let us go gladly on the journey toward Easter – the journey toward death and resurrection. Let us journey in the peace and power of the Spirit.**

### Benediction

*Thank you for joining us.*