



MARCH 5, 2025

6:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "Wondrous Love" arr. Dale Wood
Carolyn McPherson

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Russ Pearson

Leader: In these forty days, you lead us into the desert of repentance ~

People: **that in this pilgrimage of prayer, we might learn to be your people once more.**

Leader: In fasting and service, you bring us back to your heart.

You open our eyes to your presence in the world.

People: **Be with us in these journey days, for without you we are lost and will perish.
To you alone be dominion and glory.**

*HYMN OF PRAYER NO. 695 "Change My Heart, O God" (*sing twice*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we do not deserve your mercy and we cannot earn your love. All our good works are as filthy rags before your holiness. Yet, we try to defend our self-centeredness and make up excuses. We wear masks and play games that make us appear better than we are. Forgive our foolish ways, O Lord. Thank you for the invitation to come clean, to be remade from the inside out, and to be washed in forgiveness that you alone can give. Thank you for the work of Christ that makes reconciliation with you and one another possible.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE D. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *James 1: 19-24*

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 13: 44-45*

HOMILY "Being What We Claim To Be" Dr. Mike Shelton

EVENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who desire may come forward to receive an imposition of ashes as a sign of penitence.

SONG NO. 166 "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"
(Please remain seated)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Elegie" J. Massenet

