

In Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Invitation to Lenten Discipline

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshipping online with us by sharing your name in the "comments" on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).

Hymn #166*

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

**Hymns will be provided on the screen.*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy God—
We know that you are near,
For you are always here, gathered among us, just a breath away.
And despite knowing your nearness, we still stumble over ourselves, unsure of how to pray.
So often we talk to you like a stranger,
Praying prayers of small talk about the weather and surface level concerns.
We keep genuine fear and doubt tucked into corners, out of sight, out of mind.
And so often we try to think our way to you,
As if we could use logic or our minds alone to explain your great unknown.
We forget what we knew as children; we forget how to feel our way to you.
And too regularly, we limit our experience of you to one hour a Sunday,
Missing your constant invitation into the holiness all around us.
Forgive us. Guide us.
Bring our hearts into the room with you.
We are here, God. We want to begin again.
(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the "comments" of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

David Lower

Musical Response

What Wondrous Love

Affirmation of Faith

from Sanctified Art

We believe in an inviting God
Who invites the poor and the sick,
The outcast and the lonely,
The immigrant and the refugee,
The awkward and the abrasive,
The young and the innocent.
We believe God invites the best and the worst—
In all of us.
We believe God invites us to:
A life of faith,
A crowded table,
A messy church,
A deeper truth,
A resilient joy,
A place to belong,
A family among strangers,
A world that is just,
And a love that knows no bounds.
We believe this invitation exists for all people.
We believe this invitation exists for us.
And when we miss the call or ignore the invite,
We believe that God invites us again.
Thanks be to God for that invitational Spirit. Amen.

Invitation to the Imposition of Ashes

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn #433, verses 1, 5 and 6

Sign Us With Ashes

Prayer for Lent and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

This Is a Day of New Beginnings