*Hymn*  
They'll Know We are Christians  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

**Chorus:** And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land  
(Chorus)  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride  
(Chorus)  
All praise to the Father from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son  
All praise to the Spirit who makes us one  
(Chorus)

*Charge and Benediction*

*Postlude*  
Beautiful Things  
Gungor

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Prelude  
*Land of Rest*  
Wilbur Held

Greetings

*Call to Worship*

Leader:  
God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the  
world might be saved through him.

**People:**  
*God's love endures forever.*

Leader:  
God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will  
not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the  
heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains  
tremble with its tumult.

**People:**  
*God's love endures forever.*

All:  
Let us worship God!

*Hymn*  
*The Glory of These Forty Days*  
No. 87

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of  
life, creating us to serve you and neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of  
tenderness, and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with  
confidence for your mercy; in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  

Amen.

First Reading  
Isaiah 58: 1-12

Anthem  
*God So Loved the World*  
John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He sent His only begotten Son  
That who so believeth in Him should not perish but have  
everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
But that the world through Him might be saved.

Second Reading  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Sermon "Lenten: A Journey of Transformation with Jesus"  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

Invitation to the Lenten Journey of Transformation

Friends, we begin this journey with Jesus who set his face towards Jerusalem.

What awaited him was adulation from the poor and powerless and rejection  
by the rich and powerful.

This rejection would likely involve death and yet Jesus still made his way to  
Jerusalem and so must we if we are to be transformed from fear to faith, from  
hate to love, from guilt to forgiveness.

Like all transformations this means death to the old ways of living to fully em-  
brace the new.

Like the hungry caterpillar who must eat and eat before she goes into the  
chrysalis to die and be reborn into a beautiful butterfly, so must we during  
these 40 days feed upon the Word for the Word to transform us into the image  
of Christ—beautifully transformed by Christ.

So much so that we can say with Paul, “If any is in Christ, they are a new crea-  
tion. The old is past and gone. Behold all things are new” (2nd Corinthians  
5:17).

So, I invite you to turn in your caterpillar (if you have them) and receive the  
asashes upon your forehead as a sign of your willingness to die with Christ on  
Good Friday and be raised with him on Easter Sunday. And receive a beautiful  
butterfly as confirmation that what God promises always comes true.  

When you are ready come forward to begin the Lenten Journey to be trans-  
formed by Christ.

(Two stations will be waiting to receive the caterpillar, receive the ashes, and  
receive the butterfly)

Pastoral Prayer