

PRELUDE Christ the Life of All the Living Flor Peeters

HYMN #382* Have Thine Own Way, Lord

GREETING AND WELCOME

BENEDICTION* John Hodges-Batzka

CALL TO WORSHIP* John Hodges–Batzka

POSTLUDE Rockingham Old Robert Farlee

God created us to love one another,
But we failed to reflect God’s love.
God created us to live in peace,
But we frequently chose to hurt.
God sent us Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, to reconcile us,
But we rejected him.
Father, in this time of Lent, help us renew ourselves to your service.
Help us experience your mercy and grace. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

HYMN #269* Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

OPENING PRAYER John Hodges-Batzka

SCRIPTURE ISAIAH 58:1-12 Rev. Dr. Diana Hodges-Batzka

HYMN #488* Jesus, Remember Me

SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-23 Rev. Dr. Diana Hodges-Batzka

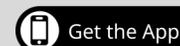
MESSAGE *WHEN YOU FAST*

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE Rev. John W. Bowling

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES Rev. John W. Bowling

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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