

**Opening Prayer:**

God, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**Call to Worship:**

L: This is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

**P: It is on this journey that we will face our shortcomings.**

L: It is on this journey that God will confront us.

**P: God, guide our steps.**

L: God has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

**P: Our hearts are ready to receive you, O God.**

L: Come, then, and let us move forward toward the Cross.

**P: Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus. AMEN.**