



**FIRST LENTEN  
SUNDAY**

*"Higuera"*  
by Paulo Medina

Prelude

The Early Birds and the Worms

Welcome

Rev. Gentle

Opening Song\*

“Create in Me”

#519

Create in me a new heart,  
so that I'll give you more than part  
of this, the life you've given me,  
create in me a new heart,  
then will I teach, and others know,  
and I will learn, my faith will grow.  
With you, I can create new dreams,  
with you, I can change lesser schemes,  
O God, new joy and a new start!  
Create in me a new heart.

Call to Worship

Joe Popp

Once again, as the season of Lent begins,  
we are summoned by a gracious and merciful God.

**We respond to God's steadfast love,  
calling us together in praise.**

Let us bow in awe before the One Who Creates.

**We approach God in reverence and wonder,  
rejoicing in the invitation to holy places.**

Walk humbly before God in prayer, fasting, and giving.

**Let us worship our faithful God, who holds us for eternity.**

Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” #86 (1,3)

Prayer of Confession, based on Exodus 20

Unison

**God of grace, we confess that we have elevated  
the things of this world above you.**

**We have made idols of possessions and people  
and used your name for causes that are not consistent  
with you and your purposes.**

**We have permitted our schedules to come first and have  
not always taken the time to be in your presence.**

**We have not always honored those who guided us in life**

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Prayer of Confession, continued

Unison

**We have participated in systems that take life instead of giving it. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Gentle

Lord's Prayer

Unison

Special Music

Dulcimers

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 31:3-7  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Joe Popp

Meditation

“Searching for Beauty”

Rev. Gentle

Hymn

“On Eagle's Wings ”

#77 (1-3)

Invitation to Share

Joanna Flaten

Doxology\*

Unison

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Gentle

Elder's Prayer

Joanna Flaten

Words of Institution

Rev. Gentle

Partaking of the Elements

Unison

Special Music

Dulcimers

Closing Prayer

Unison

**Holy God, through the discipline of these forty days,  
Make your Spirit's cleansing fire burn within us.  
Lift us from the dying embers of our inattention.  
Mark us with the sign of your holy passion.  
Make us ready to respond to the call of Jesus Christ. Amen**

\* *Please rise*

Hymn	“As The Deer ”	#108 Praise
Benediction		Rev. Gentle
Response	“Amen”	Unison
Postlude	“Wings of a Dove”	Dulcimers

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 Sunday, March 9, 2025  
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## PRAYER CONCERNS

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- ◇ Jim D, prayers of support
- ◇ Mike Z, healing from surgery
- ◇ Deb D, prayers of support
- ◇ Ian P, a young friend of the Jewett's
- ◇ Ralph and Bea P, prayers of support
- ◇ Eva H-B, strength in continued treatment

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mar. 11 : Board Meeting at 2 PM in the Parlor

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Mar. 16 : Congregational Conversation after Worship

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Apr. 17 : Maundy Thursday

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Apr. 20 : Easter Sunday, Coffee Hour

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