



PRAYER AND RESPONSE for the LENTEN SEASON

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LITURGIST: We keep seeing darkness when we know we must see light.

CONGREGANTS: *(silence for ten seconds). Open our eyes, O God, to see Your light.*

LITURGIST: We rejoice in the change of political administration in the US but wonder if there will be a real change.

CONGREGANTS: *(silence for ten seconds). Open our minds, O God, that we are balanced in you.*

LITURGIST: We confess our addiction to media and social media with feelings of inadequacy of others' successes and despondency of others' despair.

CONGREGANTS: *(silence for ten seconds) Open our spirits, O God, to see the power of You in us and with You, we are enough.*

LITURGIST: We confess our inability to shake the spiritual loss of in place worship and of feeling so incomplete in Zoom worship regardless of how powerful it may be.

CONGREGANTS: *(silence for ten seconds). Help us O God, to be prepared for whatever the future holds in our churches and corporate worship.*

LITURGIST: We confess that we are tired of oppressive systems that keeps us in danger and mistreated.

CONGREGANTS: *(silence for ten seconds). Help us, O God, we want equity, fairness and justice. We want all oppression to stop.*

LITURGIST: We confess these issues and more, knowing the journey to the cross will return us to your gracious, and compassionate Spirit through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

CONGREGANTS: *Righteous God empower us through worship, fellowship, fasting, prayer, study of your word to live in confidence that we are whole, fearfully and wonderfully made and our sins are forgiven.*