



**March 9, 2025 | 10:00am**

*First Sunday of Lent*

**PRELUDE** | *Adoration* by Florence Price | Susan Carroll, organ

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** | Rev. Erica Thompson

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** | Rev. Lara Franklin

One: Called by God, we have come to worship.

All: **Called by Christ, we have come to follow.**

One: Called by the Spirit, we have come to rejoice.

All: **Called together, we will listen and pray.**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 224** | *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (verses 1, 4, 5)

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**TABLE TALK** | Sylvia Ritacco and Mitra Sarshuri

**GIFT OF MUSIC** | *O Jesus, Prince of Peace* by Hal Hopson | AHCC Sanctuary Choir

O Jesus Prince of Peace the world is weary of its strife, one nation 'gainst another. One man against another's life. In vain we hurt each other, by force our purpose we betray. Lord, guide all men and nations and help us find a nobler way. O Jesus, love made perfect, the world is weary of its hate. One race against another; one class against another's state. We dominate our brother, too slow to lend a helping hand, Lord, help us love each other, bring in the day of brotherhood. Amen

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** | Rev. Lara Franklin

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**KINGDOM OPPORTUNITY** | *Dignity Grows* | Carol Pinkston

**OFFERTORY** | *There Is a Balm in Gilead* by Stacy Gibbs | AHCC Sanctuary Choir

There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul. There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all."

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE** | *Luke 5:27-32*

**SERMON** | *Dining with the Enemy* | Rev. Erica Thompson

**\*CLOSING HYMN #500** | *O For a World*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** | *Finale from Sonata No. 1* by Florence Price | Susan Carroll, organ

*\*Please rise on your feet or in your heart.*