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Sunday, March 23, 2025

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People: We come, trusting in God's love and longing for renewal.

Leader: Jesus calls us to turn toward God, to live lives of justice, mercy, and love.

People: We open our hearts to transformation, knowing God is patient and full of compassion.

Leader: Like a gardener tending a fig tree, God nurtures us, giving us time to grow and bear good fruit.

People: May we respond to God's care by cultivating kindness, faithfulness, and love in our lives.

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Lenten Reading:

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Silent time:

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of violence in the world and to the Earth.

Candle is extinguished:

Let us pray:

All: Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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