

### **Lent 3: March 6, 2024 Worship Summary | Prayer Guide and Prompts:**

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- Begin with a prayer of thanksgiving for the simplicity and accessibility of the gospel. Thank God for revealing His love and salvation through Jesus Christ without the need for secret knowledge or intellectual elitism.
- Pray for a deeper understanding of your identity and purpose in Christ. Ask God to help you discern His call on your life daily and to recognize the grace that has been freely given to you through Jesus.
- Reflect on the inclusivity of God's grace and pray against the temptation to embrace teachings that elevate human wisdom above divine revelation. Ask for discernment to recognize and reject any modern-day gnostic tendencies within the church or personal beliefs.
- Pray for a renewed appreciation of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Ask God to help you grasp the significance of God becoming flesh and fully participating in the human experience, and to live in a way that honors this truth.
- Request guidance on how to live out the love of God through tangible acts of kindness and service. Pray for opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus in your community and for the courage to act when those opportunities arise.
- Ask God to reveal any areas in your life where you may be seeking validation or salvation through your own efforts or intellectual pursuits. Pray for the humility to rely solely on the sufficiency of Christ for your spiritual well-being.
- Pray for the church body to remain vigilant and wise, able to discern truth from error. Ask for unity in upholding the core tenets of the Christian faith and for strength to resist any teachings that could lead the congregation astray.
- Seek God's direction in how to effectively communicate the simple, transformative message of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection to those around you. Pray for the right words, opportunities, and boldness to share this message with clarity and love.
- Finally, pray for a spirit of generosity and openness, that you may not hoard the truth of the gospel but share it freely as you have received it. Ask God to use you as a vessel of His grace, to reach out to all, regardless of their status or background.