## **Opening Prayer:**

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you.

Amen

## **Call to Worship:**

L: The pathway is just beginning.

P: We have encountered the wilderness.

L: Now we are moving rapidly toward Jerusalem.

P: Along the way we will witness acts of mercy and healing.

L: Are you ready to take the next step?

P: Yes, we are ready. The cross is before us.

L: Come, walk together on this journey to the Cross.

P: Prepare our hearts and our spirits for this next step. AMEN.