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Transfiguration, March 3

"The Mountain: A Place of Promise"
Luke 9:28-36

1st Sunday in Lent, March 10

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Luke 4:1-13

2nd Sunday in Lent, March 17

"Jerusalem: A Place of Blessing"
Luke 13:31-35

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"The Vineyard: A Place of Fruit"
Luke 13:1-9

4th Sunday in Lent, March 31

"Home: A Place of Celebrating"
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

5th Sunday in Lent, April 7

"The Cornerstone: A Place of Building"
Luke 20:9-20

Wednesdays, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

Ash Wednesday, March 6

"A Place at the Table for You"
Luke 22:1-13

Lent Midweek 1, March 13

"The Upper Room: A Place of Hope"
Luke 22:14-38

Lent Midweek 2, March 20

"Gethsemane: A Place of Strength"
Luke 22:39-46

Lent Midweek 3, March 27

"The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love"
Luke 22:47-53

Lent Midweek 4, April 3

"The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal"
Luke 22:54-62

Lent Midweek 5, April 10

"The Trial: A Place of God's Will"
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