

Week 6 — March 25 Renewed Hearts, Renewed Lives

Opening Atmosphere

Instrumental: Heart of Worship

Welcome & Framing

Lent began with ashes.

With honesty.

With returning.

But God never calls us back simply to stay the same.

God renews.

God restores.

God gives new hearts.

Tonight, we listen for what God is making new in us. Because resurrection doesn't begin on Easter morning.

It begins quietly... now.

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 36:26–27; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Psalm 51:10–12

Reflection

Thread idea:

We often think change comes from trying harder.

But God says:

“I will give you a new heart.”

This is gift language.

God doesn't say:

“Fix yourself.”

God says:

“I will transform you from the inside.”

Lent is not self-improvement.

It's heart replacement.

The Spirit doesn't polish the old life —

He grows something new.

Sometimes renewal is dramatic.

Sometimes it's subtle.

A little more patience.

A little less fear.

A softer response.

A deeper trust.

These are resurrection signs.

Song (congregational) The Heart Of Worship

Guided Reflection Time

Invite silence. Prompt slowly:

Where have you noticed small changes this season?

Where do you sense new life stirring?

What feels softer... freer... more hopeful?

Let people sit quietly.

Litany of Renewal

Leader: God of new beginnings —

People: Make us new.

Leader: Where our hearts have grown hard —

People: Make us tender.

Leader: Where we are tired —

People: Renew our strength.

Leader: Where we feel stuck —

People: Breathe new life.

Leader: Where shame lingers —

People: Speak grace.

All: Create in us new hearts, O God.

Song: Lord I Need You

Reflection Prompts

- How has this Lenten season shaped you so far?
- Where do you sense God renewing your heart?
- What hope are you carrying toward Easter?
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Prayer Focus

Thanksgiving rather than confession:

Thank you, God,

that you are not finished with us.

Thank you that your mercies are new every morning.

Thank you that you make all things new.

Carry this work to completion in us.

Amen.

Closing Song: Come Thou Fount

It's all about you Lord

The Heart of Worship:

Lyrics

When the music fades
And all is stripped away
And I simply come

Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless your heart

I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within

Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
It's all about you
It's all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
It's all about you
It's all about you, Jesus

King of endless worth
No one could express
How much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is yours
Every single breath

I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within

Through the way things appear
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It's all about you
It's all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
It's all about you

Come Thou Fount

[Verse 1]

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

[Verse 2]

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

[Verse 3]

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh, take it seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above