

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Lent 2 *Praying Our Laments*

March 16, 2025

Lament is a necessary stage in the creative resolution of terrible situations and suffering. This opens the new pathway through and ahead. ~ Christine Valters Paintner

Perhaps the most important reason for "lamenting" is that it helps us to realize our oneness with all things, to know that all things are our relatives. ~ Black Elk

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship

Hymn *Through Our Fragmentary Prayers* VT 677

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A word about Lament

The Poet's Word ~ Kate Bowler

A Blessing for What is Ours to be Done

Hymn *When the Storms of Life are Raging* VT 595

Scripture ~ **Psalm 27** ~ *Psalms for Praying*, Nan Merrill

Hymn *Peace, Salaam, Shalom* VT 805

A Time for All God's Children

Hymn *By the Waters of Babylon* VT 695

The Poet's Word ~ Kate Bowler

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *Come Bring Your Burdens To God* VT 679

Prayers of Lament

Agios o Theos *Holy God, Holy Immortal God,
Have Mercy upon us.*

Congregational Response VT 1006

Hymn *Beauty For Brokenness* VT 712

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn *Go My Friends In Peace* VT 839

Benediction

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Maynard Dixon (American, 1875–1946),  
*Shapes of Fear*, 1930–32.