

### **Opening Prayer:**

God, you are our source of Light. You are a God of great mercy and love, so we come to you this morning seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that you are; all that you do; and all that can be accomplished in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

**People: Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.**

Leader: We worship because the Lord gives strength.

**People: Even when we feel so weak.**

Leader: We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

**People: Even when we are afraid that we have lost.**

Leader: Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

**People: We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us. Amen.**

### **New Testament Scripture:**

1 Peter 5:10 (CEV)

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you have created. You miraculously restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. Guide us so that we will not view others according to appearances but seek to find your love in their hearts. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. Amen.

### **Old Testament Scripture:**

Joel 2:21-24 (NLT)

**Sermon:** Restoration Project

### **Benediction:**

As you leave this time of worship, may God's presence follow you, heal you, and empower you to reflect and experience the goodness and love of God everywhere you go. Amen.

### **March 12th Service:**