

Offertory: "And the Father Will Dance" Mark Hayes

Doxology UMH #94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like the prodigal, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us from you and one another and help us see the rainbow of your promise even in our struggles. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" TFWS# 2146

Benediction

Postlude: "Animato" Cynthia Dobrinski

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Guest Organist: Marla Zippay has been serving as a church organist since she was 16, playing at her home church and many others in western Pennsylvania. In her 'other life' Marla is the Director of On Air Promotion for NEPM-WGBY - the PBS affiliate in Springfield. She is the 'voice' of WGBY you hear in between programs.

We are thankful for David Belew, Teri LaFleur, Holly Joy Pearson, and Karen Sheffield who are sharing their musical gifts during this period of transition to keep the chancel choir, children's choirs, and handbell choir programs active.

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Henry and Julia Gray, Anthony Skridulas

Altar Ministry: Beverly Rzewnicki

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Christian Education & Formation and volunteers

Liturgist: Camille Twining

Participants: Trinity Bell Choir

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Rita Auchy, Holly Blair, Ray Miller

Video Team: Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Jim A, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Pat C, Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Nate & Camille T, upon the passing of Nate's sister, Mary (T) G this past week, Courtney H, Aurie I, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Jane S, Thomas S, Carl S, Tammy S & family, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern



Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy and two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 years.

**Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

"Thank God desertion is not always final and failure isn't always fatal." – Beth Moore

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Canticle of Hope" Cynthia Dobrinski

Moment of Reflection

Introit: "There's Something About That Name" Bill Gaither

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: Amen!

***Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" UMH# 378 (vs. 1-4)

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

O tender God, who yearns for us like a parent waiting for a child to come home, we know how often we must disappoint you. We fill our days with tasks and worries. We clutter our weeks with the insignificant and the trivial. Even if scheduled, quality time with you often goes unkept. O tender God, our sins glare at us. We bruise each other, never stopping long enough to let another really touch us. We carry our own secret burdens, fearing to share them even with you. O tender God, let this Lent be a journey to clearness and direction. Lift worry and hurry from our schedule we pray, and send your light as we follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

*Words of Assurance: –Discipleship Resources

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, loved, and changed. **Amen.**

***Response:** "We Are One In The Spirit" TFWS# 2223 (v.4)

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Anthem: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Dan Forrest

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response

***Hymn:** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH# 383
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 15: 11-32 (NRSV) N.T. pp. 73-74

Response to the Word:

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: "The Lost Son" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Resources

Loving God, as we offer these gifts, we are reminded of your boundless love and mercy, exemplified in the parable of the prodigal son. Just as you welcome us home with open arms, may these offerings reflect our desire to serve others and bring them closer to your embrace. Bless these gifts, that they may help reconcile, heal, and restore lives, bringing glory to your name. **Amen.**