

*CLOSING HYMN #248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded by Bach/Hassler arr. Gail Smith*

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Ed Dyer
Greeter	Glenn Mojzer & Marta Mojzer
Choir Director	Davis McKinney
Guest Pastor	Jim Brazell

Brief Bio: Rev. Jim Brazell (HR) has an active pulpit supply ministry, preaching four out of five Sundays in March. He has also been appointed moderator of the Trinity Session by Commission on Ministry. Rev. Jim and Westi look forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary, three years early, with a trip to Ireland.

Bolded words are read by the congregation.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.” Please fill out the worship registration pad found in the pew, and pass it to the person next to you. Once the form is completed the last person to receive the form places the form in the offering plate.

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

Portions of today’s liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1* © 2012 Westminster John Knox Press and *Call to Worship, Vol. 49.1, Lectionary Aids 2015, Year C.*

Trinity Presbyterian Church



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3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ **Congregation in bold type**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
by Lowell Mason arr. John Carter*

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

INTROIT #172

Blest Are They

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus taught the marginalized, the sinners, the broken,
and loved them as his children.
Even when we are proud, negligent, prodigal,
Christ loves us as his own.
Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #619

Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

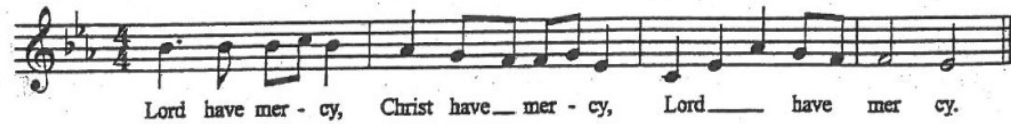
CALL TO CONFESSION

With confidence in God’s generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We fix our minds on former things, missing the new thing you are doing. We focus on worldly treasure and gain, forgetting the value of knowing Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Through the great mystery of faith deliver us from our captivity to sin and lead us from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE—All Sing



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *There is a Balm in Gilead; spiritual arr. William Dawson
Eileen Dyer, soloist*

CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL #188 *Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Children's Sermon
(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)*

RECESSIONAL *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace. Enlighten our minds through your Word that we may live lives renewed, and make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Ecclesiastes 1:1-11*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Luke 6:17-26*

SERMON *Where to Draw the Line?* *Jim Brazell*

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN #816** *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor thing to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As it is written in Deuteronomy: "Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor . . .'" As we open wide our hands, we attend to Christ himself, who is present especially among those considered the least and the lost. Let us offer to God these gifts for ministry in Christ's name.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *We Remember You by Kirk Dearman arr. Carol Tornquist*

*DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abundant God, your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)
PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)