

2nd Sunday in Lent
March 1st, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We Turn Our Hearts to Worship God

***Call to Worship**

Leader: I look to the hills! Where will I find help? It will come from the Lord, who created heaven and earth.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is our protector.

Leader: The Lord is your protector, and he won't go to sleep or let you stumble. The protector of Israel doesn't doze or ever get drowsy.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is our protector.

Leader: The Lord is your protector, there at your right side to shade you from the sun.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is our protector.

Leader: You won't be harmed by the sun during the day or by the moon at night.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is our protector.

Leader: The Lord will protect you and keep you safe from all dangers.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is our protector.

Leader: The Lord will protect you now and always wherever you go.

All: Alleluia, let us always praise God, our protector.

~Based on Psalm 121

***Opening Hymn** "Gather Us In" #2236 (FWS)

***Opening Prayer - Unison**

Holy God, we embark on this Lenten journey grateful for your presence along the way. Walk alongside us to call us to repentance, to woo us from our idols, to open our eyes to our neighbor in need, to guide us in the way of sacrifice. Meet us in our fears and joys alike and sustain us in our weakness. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that these 40 days might become for us a journey that renews our hope, strengthens our faith and prepares us for the agony of the cross as well as the new life of resurrection. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture: **John 3:1-17** *Please use a Bible or a Bible App for the scripture reading.*

Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Never Too Old to Change"

Rev. Mary Sullivan

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn Of Praise "This is A Day Of New Beginnings" #383 (UMH)

Offering

The offering plates will be passed through the aisles by the ushers.

Please place your prayer cards in the plates.

If you prefer to give electronically, please visit bctrinity.org and click the tithe.ly link.

Special Music

***Doxology Hymn** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #625 (HWC)

*Prayer of Dedication

Song of Prayer "Sanctuary" #2164 (FWS)

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Hath Done" #98 (UMH)

Postlude

* indicates - please rise in body or spirit



Prayer cards are available in pews. Please place your prayer cards in the offering plate when it is passed. You may indicate on the card whether you would like it read or for the pastor's information only.

Prayer Requests & Celebrations

Congregational Concerns & Celebrations:

- For Dale Nordahl, for healing
- For Shirley Rath, who has transitioned to hospice
- For the family of Carole Baker, who passed away recently
- For continued healing for Katie Spittler's daughter, Abby, who was in an accident
- For our members who are homebound or reside in nursing care centers

World Concerns:

- For those in need in our community, country, and worldwide
- For the peace of Christ to prevail in the areas of our world where conflict persists
- For the unrest within Minneapolis.



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Week of March 1-8

Sunday 03/01

Coffee Hour 8:45am and 11:00am
Sunday School 9:00am
Handbell Choir Practice 9:15am
Worship 10:00am
Choir Practice 11:15am

Monday 03/02

Trinity Connections at Wood Haven 2:00pm and Heritage 3:00pm
Bible Study 6:30pm

Tuesday 03/03

Wednesday 03/04

Strings of Faith 1:00 pm

Thursday 03/05

Sew, Knit, Crochet 1:00pm
Al-Anon 7:00pm

Friday 03/06

Saturday 03/07

Sunday 03/08

Daylight Savings Begins

Coffee Hour 8:45am and 11:00am
Sunday School 9:00am
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Worship 10:00am
Choir Practice 11:15am



Easter Flowers- Last Day to Order!

Easter Flower orders are due today, March 1st. Please ensure that you complete the enclosed order form and submit with payment to the church office.

Bishop Jung Visits the Maumee River District

On March 19th Bishop Jung will be visiting our church! Anyone who wishes to meet the Bishop is asked to arrive by 1:45 pm. Strings of Faith will lead us in a couple of hymns during the visit. Bishop Jung's time with us will last 45 minutes before traveling to the next church. Everyone is welcome, but leadership is strongly encouraged to attend. We are looking forward to this special time together!

Church Membership Class - March 22



Interested in learning more about Trinity UMC or becoming a member? Join us for our church membership class on March 22nd. We'll talk about who we are, what we believe, and what it means to be a member of Trinity UMC. The class will take place immediately following the worship service and will conclude around 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. If you have questions, please see Pastor Mary. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center.

Soup & Chili Drive Thru Fundraiser

The Trinity *Relay For Life* Team is continuing to raise funds for the American Cancer Society: Monday, March 23rd, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 per meal and include bread, dessert & choice of soup. Soup choices are: Chili, Vegetarian Vegetable Soup, Chicken Tortilla, Chicken Noodle, and Baked Potato. The pick-up location is at Trinity UMC. Tickets are now available. Contact Bev Robie or Joanie Manning. **All tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 15th.** Thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society.

Our Little Necessities Pantry Needs You!

Continued donations of non-perishable basics are needed. Every item makes a difference for someone in our community. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to support this ministry of care and compassion!

Offering made easy!

Your extravagant generosity to the church is just a click away!
Consider using the QR code for tithing and offerings. You can even give to mission and special events using our ["tithely"](#) link or on our website. Thank you for being so supportive as we grow in Christ's love by sharing what God has blessed us with.



<i>Ministry</i>	<i>March 1</i>	<i>March 8</i>
Ushers	John Rutter Jerry Milnor	John Rutter Jerry Milnor
Liturgist	Ruth Ann Kramer	Jerry Milnor
Coffee Hour		
Livestream Tech		David Avery
Sound Tech	Doug Walter	Doug Walter
Vocalist	Britta Williams	
Pianist	Ana Beatriz	Nathaniel Brown
Director of Discipleship and Outreach	Marie Rittenberry	Marie Rittenberry

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