

**Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent**

March 8, 2026

10:30 AM

Gather

Prelude “Meditation on PLEADING SAVIOR” Fred B. Binckes

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit “We Are Walking in the Light of the Lord” (*Renew #306*) arr. Hal Hopson

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Leader: These earthly things, they push and pull, they swirl around and cloud our sight.

People: You are our hope, O God.

Leader: This static is loud, drowning out your words and all you have taught us.

People: You are our hope, O God.

Leader: In all of this mess we reach for something, anything to ground us and hold us close.

People: You are our hope, O God, our light through the fog, our voice in the chaos, our roots in shifting ground.

Leader: You, O Lord, give us hope beyond our understanding,

People: if only we seek you, listen to you, and walk with you.

All: Amen.

Prepare

****Hymn (insert)** “We Hope Against All Hope”

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Lenten Candle Extinguishing Liturgy

Pastor: On this third Sunday of the season of Lent, we remember through story, song and prayer that we are on a journey following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Leader: The stories told by and about Jesus help us learn and grow in our understanding of what it means to be a Christian community in our time and place.

Pastor: Like the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, we are called to extend our respect and hospitality to those we meet on our journey of life and faith.

Leader: As we extinguish the third Lenten candle we acknowledge that we’ve not always been accepting of people whose customs and values are different than our own.

(3rd candle is extinguished).

Pastor: As we watch the smoke rise, we give thanks that God forgives and encourages us to strive to live in right relationship with people of all cultures and faith traditions.

Leader: With thanksgiving for the refreshment of Jesus' life-giving example in our lives, we raise our voices in song – a prayer to you, O God.

****Congregational Response** "Tree of Life"

*Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole, flow in us and make us whole.*

****Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you — *And also with you.*

Listen

Children's Message

Anthem

"Good Is So Good"

Morris Chapman

Prayer of Illumination

First Lenten Reading

John 4:5-26 (NRSV)

Psalms Reflection Video

Psalms 95

Second Lenten Reading

1 Samuel 8:1-22 (NRSV)

Sermon

"ARE WE THERE YET: Who's Your Hope?"

Respond

Hymn (insert)

"Hope of the World"

VICAR

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

**Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts, God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Choral Benediction “Bless His Holy Name” (*Renew*, #16) Andraé Crouch

**Benediction

Postlude “Allegro” Arcangelo Corelli

**Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Leaders in and for Worship Today

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Ann Bouchard
Organist/Pianist	Rev. Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Marianne Fues, Larry Holder, Bill Kennedy
Greeter	Deb Calder
Ushers	Ted Groshong, Odell Newkirk
Childcare Volunteers	Kyle Groshong, Chris Sheriff

Announcements

AFTER-WORSHIP REFRESHMENTS: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today for special refreshments in celebration of Jacob Fues’ recent Eagle Scout award.

CHILDCARE DURING WORSHIP: Two caregivers are needed each Sunday morning to provide childcare after the Children’s Message for our youngest children. Please consider helping and use the link sent out in the Friday email to sign up. If you have any questions, please speak to Christian Education Chair Cathy Stubbs.

GOOD NEIGHBOR COLLECTION FOR RUSSELL ELEMENTARY: Our Mission and Outreach Committee is asking for your help in providing the staff at Russell with some much-needed winter hygiene items: fragrance-free tissues, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. With influenza cases especially high this year, the teachers and staff will especially appreciate having these items in their classrooms and offices. A collection box will be in the lobby through Sunday, March 22.

LOAVES AND FISHES: Trinity serves the evening meal at the Ashley St. Center this Thursday evening, March 12. Please sign up to provide food and/or to serve by using the sign-up link sent out in last Friday’s email. If you have any questions, please contact our Loaves & Fishes Coordinators Bob and Susan Winkelmann.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15: Next Sunday, we’ll bid farewell to long-time Trinity member Margaret Guthrie who will be moving at the end of the month to Cape Girardeau, MO. There will be a farewell reception in the Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH are invited to participate in a special Palm Sunday (March 29) musical performance. Please meet choir member Janet Krause in the Children’s Library immediately after worship today to get more information.

Trinity Committee Meetings and Church Activities This Week:

Monday:

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. via Zoom – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast at JJ’s Café, 1712 N. Providence Rd. (No reservations needed)

7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 3:30 p.m. – Loaves and Fishes at the Ashley St. Center

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – Women’s Coffee Club at Love Coffee, 15 Bus. Loop 70E (No reservations needed)