

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 23, 2025

Worship 10:30 AM

Third Sunday in Lent

Gather

Prelude "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Jim West

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit "He Is Lord" (*Renew #29*) Anonymous
Lighting of the Candles

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Called to be light,

People: we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.

Leader: Called to be salt,

People: we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.

Leader: Called to embody what it means to be a Christ follower,

People: we would rely on His word to embrace and live these Kingdom values.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

All: Amen.

Prepare

****Hymn #165** "The Glory of These Forty Days" URHALT UN HERR

Call to Confession

Lenten Candle Extinguishing Liturgy

Pastor: During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus.

People: And we remember that we, too, turn away.

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.

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

Pastor: As we extinguish the third Lenten candle, we acknowledge that we have not always been the salt for everyone on earth and the light of the world that others need.
(3rd candle is extinguished).

Time for Silent Confession **Amen.**

All: As we watch the smoke rise, we give thanks that God forgives and encourages us to strive to let our light shine before others so that they may see God's Good News of Jesus.

**Congregational Response *Spirit of the Living God* (Hymn #288)

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Passing the Peace

Listen

Children's Message

Anthem "Instrument of Grace" Joseph Martin

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 37:1-11 & 27-31*

Psalm Reflection Video *Psalm 63*

Gospel Reading *Matthew 5:1-16* (NRSV)

For the word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us, the people of God say, **"Thanks be to God!"**

Pre-Sermon Video "Lion King"

Sermon "Come, Follow Me: A Disciple's Journey Through Lent"

Post-Sermon Video "Blessed"

Respond

Commissioning of Mission Study Team

Hymn "A Little Bit of Salt" (see separate sheet)

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.

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology** "A Lenten Doxology" Shepherd/Bourgeois
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.

****Benediction**

Choral Response "Go Now in Peace" Don Besig/Nancy Price

Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Jim West

****Those who are able, please stand.**

Leaders in and for Worship

Preaching Today	Reverend Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Sarah Humfeld
Acolyte	Daniel Fues
Organist	Jim West
Pianist	Bill Daly
Director of Music	J. West
Audio/Visual Technicians	Bill Kennedy, Karen Neely, Bob Winkelmann
Greeter	Kathleen Brown
Ushers	Odell Newkirk, Steve Sheriff

Announcements for March 23, 2025

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS: Please join us today after worship in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation with church friends.

For Columbia 2025 - a community-wide day of service on Saturday, April 26

For more information or to sign up, stop by the Fellowship Hall after church service this Sunday or contact Sue Young.

COMO MOBILE AID COLLECTIVE UNDERWEAR DRIVE: Through next Sunday, March 30, we are collecting new men's boxer briefs in all sizes and women's (bikini-style) underwear for those served by COMO Mobile Aid. Collection bins are in the front lobby.

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER LENTEN STUDY: Our Transitional Pastor, Ronnie Osborn, has prepared Lenten study booklets for the congregation which you will want to pick up today from the table in the lobby. Trinity's session invites you to join in 40 days of praying for Trinity as we learn how to sail with the Spirit and go where God is leading us. **It's never too late to get started!** This Lenten practice will lead us into further discernment after Easter.