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Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service.

**We also thank:**

**Altar Guild:** Vera Baker and Kathy Hathaway

**Coordinators for Online Worship:** Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

**Lenten Display:** Ken Guerin

**Liturgist:** Lisa Bakowski

**Ushers: Head Usher,** Sheila Womble, **Assistant Head Usher,** Donald Cushing, **Ushers,**

Jo Anne Evans, Ann Guyotte

**Videographer:** Nic Odell

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### Reminders:

#### Easter Sunday Flowers

Help us beautify our altar this Easter Sunday, April 4, with an assortment of Easter plants in memory or honor of a loved one. Please complete the form following in the Thursday Thoughts. Pay-online at the bottom of the form or submit your payment of \$15 per plant and order by **Sunday, March 21**. Forms are also available at the rear of the sanctuary. Please mail in your form with your check to the Trinity office.

Then on Easter Sunday, you can either pick up your plant at the designated spot outside the church following the service, or you can leave it for our flower delivery ministry.

#### Again & Again Lenten Study Continues on Zoom

Join Pastor René and others on Zoom for a time of Bible reflection and study on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. during the season of Lent. New people are welcome at any time. See the Thursday Thoughts email newsletter for more information, including the Zoom link.

#### Looking Ahead to Holy Week & Easter

**March 28** - Palm Sunday - Stop by and receive a Palm Cross in the parking lot after worship.

**April 1** - Trinity is not planning a Maundy Thursday service this year.

**April 2** - Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

**April 3** - Easter Egg Hunt on Trinity's front lawn at 11 a.m.

**April 4** - Easter Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. The services will be the same. Registration is required. More information to come regarding registration.



**Celebrate** God's love

**Nurture** relationships with God and one another

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

## Trinity United Methodist Church

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*Associate Pastor, Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore*

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Third Sunday  
in  
*Lent*



*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.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent ~ March 7, 2021

✱ See words to the right ✱ See Insert

**Prelude:** “Steal Away” arr. W. Gokelman  
Chad Thompson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

**Introit:** “Here’s One” T. Fettke  
Teri LaFleur, soprano

**Call to Worship:** ✱

**Prayer and Moment of Silent Reflection:** ✱✱

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

**The Lord’s Prayer:** ✱✱

**Special Music:** “Who Is This King?” L. Larson  
Herb Menzel, bass

**Scripture:** John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

**Sermon:** “We are Shown the Way”

**Special Music:** “Lamb of God” T. Paris/L. Larson

**Holy Communion:** ✱

**Closing Response:** “Be Not Afraid” arr. J. Schrader

**Benediction:**

**Closing Hymn:** “Lift High the Cross” Crucifer

## WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

- **Bold Items Are the Congregation’s Part**

**Call to Worship:** (*Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion*)

L: The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world.

**P: But to us it is the power of God!**

L: We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

**P: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.**

**Prayer and Moment of Silent Reflection:** (*Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion*)

Gracious God, whose power is made perfect in weakness, whose wisdom appears as foolishness in this world, we thank you for the scandal of the cross. In Jesus Christ, you overturn all our usual ways of behaving and believing. You scatter our false notions of discipleship as easily as coins are spilled from a box. You correct our notions of piety and order with pierce compassion. Do not let your church become content or contained as an institution. Raze to ruins what is distorted in us, and raise us to new life as a community so that we may be the body of Christ in and for the world. With fear and joy we ask this in Christ’s name. Amen.

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Holy Communion:** (See Insert)