

Offertory Anthem: “You do not Walk Alone” Traditional Irish Blessing arr. by Elaine Hagenberg
*May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone,
May you always remember when the shadows fall you do not walk alone.*

Doxology

UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: – Bell Worship Resources

Loving Lord, we confess how often we walk in shadows, blind to the brightness of your love. Yet even still, you call us to bear your light into the world. Help us reflect that radiance through our giving. Let these gifts shine with the hope of Christ, who lived, died, and rose for our sake. **Amen.**

*Hymn: “We Are Marching\Siayahamba” TFWS# 2235 b

Benediction

Postlude: “Voluntary I, Maestoso” Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

Max Reger, the composer of today's prelude, was a German composer, pianist, organist and academic teacher. He worked as a concert pianist, a musical director at the Leipzig University Church, a professor at the Royal Conservatory in Leipzig, and the music director at the court of George II, Duke of Saxe-Meiningen. He died of a heart attack at age 43.

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Sam Crawford, Henry and Julia Gray

Adult Handbell Choir

Altar Ministry: Lisa Everett and Beverly Rzewnicki

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Worship Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Teri LaFleur

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble, Ray Miller, Rita Auchy, Holly Blair

Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Mark F, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Arlene M, Carlos M, Pat N (sister of Brenda S), Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Jen R, Carl S, Lynn T, Tina W, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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FOURTH 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.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) & The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 years.

Please stand in body or in spirit. **Items in bold are read in unison. Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

"I have walked with people whose eyes are full of light, but who see nothing in wood, sea, or sky, nothing in city streets, nothing in books.... What a witless masquerade is this seeing! It were better far to sail forever in the night of blindness...than to be thus content with the mere act of seeing." – Helen Keller

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Aus Tiefer not schrei ich zu dir ("Out of the depths I cry unto you") Max Reger (1873-1916)

Introit: "Blessed Lamb, On Calvary's Mountain"

Blessed Lamb, On Calvary's Mountain slane to take our sins away. Let the drops of that rich fountain our tremendous ransom pay. Great Redeemer, great Redeemer, may we ever praise Thy name. Blessed Lamb, On Calvary's Mountain, may we ever praise Thy name.

***Call to Worship:** - Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022

One: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

Many: We are learning to follow Jesus.

One: On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

Many: One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.

One: On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

Many: One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.

One: On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

Many: One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.

One: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

Many: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

***Hymn:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vv. 1-4) UMH# 57

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** – Rev. Lucus Levy Keppel, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Bixby, OK

Holy and Beloved God, it is easy for us to be overwhelmed, to feel like everything is just too much. You call to us, pulling us toward you with the charge of love, and we often resist, even knowing that you are willing to share our burdens and lighten the load. Forgive our resistance, and redeem us in your grace, that the energy we expend would be to the benefit of your Way in the world. Help us to see you, and to be renewed in your Spirit, just as shoots of new grass are renewed every Spring. Amen.

Words of Assurance: – Rev. Lucus Levy Keppel, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Bixby, OK

In God's mercy, our burdens are made light and our energy is renewed, as we are forgiven today and always. **Amen.**

***Response:** "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" Spiritual arr. by Nancy Wertsch TFWS #2112

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.
2. We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

Anthem: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" arr. by Arnold B. Sherman

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

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. 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 Response: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

I want Jesus, O Lord, to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

***Hymn:** "Lord of the Dance" UMH# 261

(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: John 9: 1-41 (NRSV) pp. 96-97

Response to the Word:

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "From Darkness to Light" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Ministries

Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you have created. You miraculously restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. Guide us so that we will not regard others according to outward appearances but seek to find your love in their hearts. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. **Amen.**