

Offertory Anthem: “Be Not Afraid” text based on Isaiah 43:1-7, music by Taylor Davis
Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I have called you by name. My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will surround you. When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er. When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed. You are my child, you are my child, so precious to me. You are my child, and I'll love you always. Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home. When you feel lost, always remember: I am right here, just call my name. When you pass through the waters, I will surround you. When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er. When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed. You are my child, you are my child, so precious to me.

Doxology UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: – *Ministry Matters*

Creator God, your Spirit surrounds and sustains us. As we offer these gifts, stir our quiet faith into confident witness. Replace our hesitant whispers with the courage to speak your truth. Shape our giving into acts of praise. We believe and pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH# 377

Benediction

Postlude: “Tiento Llento del Primer Tono” Juan Cabanilles (1644-1712)

The prelude and postlude this morning were composed by two prominent Spanish organists of the 17th century, Pablo Bruna and Juan Cabanilles. Bruna, blinded at an early age by a case of smallpox, became the organist of his hometown church in Daroca, Spain. Cabanilles composed many organ works using contrapuntal techniques similar to J.S. Bach. In later times, he was referred to as the "Spanish Bach".

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Nii-Lante Bruce, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Altar Ministry: Julie Calhoun and Susan Cartier-Barrett

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Worship Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Adam Smedberg

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble, Karen Andros, Wendy Regan, Ian Smythe, Judy Wing

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, Christopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Carlos M, Pat N (sister of Brenda Sheldon), 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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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.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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

"The longest, most arduous trip in the world is often the journey from the head to the heart. Until that round trip is completed, we remain at war with ourselves. And, of course, those at war with themselves are apt to make casualties of others, including friends and loved ones." – William Sloane Coffin

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Tiento de falsas de 2 tono" Pablo Bruna (1611-1679)

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, Discipleship Ministries, January 2025

One: People of God, tell it!

Many: We are not alone! We are children of God!

One: People of Christ, tell it!

Many: The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.

One: People of the Spirit, tell it!

Many: The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.

One: People of God, tell it!

Many: We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.

***Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" UMH# 378

***Unison Prayer of the Morning:** - Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023

Loving God, You tell us it is enough for us to be like you. Yet we are overwhelmed and discouraged by the injustice that surrounds us and our seeming inability to do anything about it. How are we supposed to be like you, all-powerful God, when we feel so powerless? God, in your mercy, hear our prayers. You tell us not to fear those who can kill the body but not the soul. Yet the violence in the world threatens to deaden our hearts, and that scares us. How are we supposed to resist fear when threats seem to abound on all sides? God, in your mercy, hear our prayers. You tell us we are of more value than sparrows. Yet we notice so many in our neighborhoods and our world who are treated as less than human, even less than a sparrow. How are we supposed to restore dignity to all those whom the world has devalued? God, in your mercy, hear our prayers. You tell us to tell in the light what we receive in the dark, to shout from the rooftops what is whispered in secret. In the face of the world's suffering, violence, and despair, whisper in our hearts that we learn to grow as your disciples who declare in the light the love and goodness of God with our voices and our lives. 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.

Choir Anthem: "Ave Verum" Carl Jenkins (b. 1944)

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

English translation: Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for us, Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.

***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:** "Hymn of Promise" UMH# 707
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

New Testament Scripture Reading: Romans 10: 11-17 (NRSV) p. 150

Response to the Word:

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "No Time For Silence" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Ministries

Generous, giving God: the gifts we present this day are supposed to represent the best of our discipleship. Why then do we hide what we give, and why do we worry about who might know? Grant us the boldness we need to move out of the dark and proclaim our decision to be Christ's disciples to all, to shout it from the rooftops. May we speak to those we know and even to strangers of the love of Jesus without fear. May the way we live our lives be a proclamation of our decision to follow Christ! In His holy name, we pray. **Amen.**