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**March 1, 2026 ONE SERVICE 10:30AM Worship**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

**Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young**

*Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!*

*Lent is a time of intensive preparation for us all. We study the world in its reality, its temptations, its shadows, its betrayals. We fast and we pray and engage in spiritual preparation to follow Jesus faithfully to the end. We open ourselves to Jesus' love; we try to live up to it. All of Lent leads up to holy Week, the week in which Jesus enters Jerusalem and faces death. It begins with Palm Sunday, heads to the meal in the Upper Room and ends with those closest to Christ witnessing his death on the cross.*

*Purple is the color of Lent, but Holy Week is framed in the red and black of the Passion of Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Lent may provide a time for community and individual preparation for the following of Jesus on the most difficult of paths, the path of self-sacrificing love.*

*\*Please stand as you are able; **BOLD** print - congregational response*

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE "In Christ Alone"

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the safety and comfort of home,  
God called Abram to go from all he knew to embrace a future yet to be revealed.

**"Go from," God says, and our hesitant hearts place  
one foot in front of the other to trust God with the unknown.**

By night, Nicodemus came seeking greater insight into the teachings of God for the journey set before him. Jesus called him out of the shadows and towards a life born anew.

**"Go towards" God says, and a new life awaits us. We reach toward a God who has  
not come to condemn the world but to offer a salve that can heal all wounds.**

We fear the unknown and that which we lack in understanding. "How can this be?"  
we proclaim with Nicodemus. And yet, God's call is one that urges us to go with  
our whole self into that unknowing, trusting that God will provide a way.

**Love calls us forth into lives of transformation, born anew into new paths of faith.**

**Though we do not know where we are going, God has promised to never  
leave us alone. Let us worship the One who will show us the way.**

\*HYMN #41 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

\*PRAYER

God of calls and courage, you draw us toward your  
loving embrace even as we face what seems like impossibility.

**We experience heartache and grief, injustice and cruelty, fear and anxiety  
as daily teachers on this path of faith.**

As you call us to go into an uncertain and unknown future, O God,  
grant us the courage needed to let go of all that we have known  
so that we can take hold of the new life you are bringing about even now.

**Though we may not know where we are going, God,  
your way is revealed moment by moment, step by step, and breath by breath.  
In the name of the One who so loves the world we pray. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE TO PRAYER #188 "Give Me a Clean Heart"

*Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.*

*God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.*

*For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.*

*Give me a clean heart and I will follow you.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds,  
to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of stress.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we all too often wish to go our own way, maintain control,  
and rely on our own strength rather than trust that you will provide.**

**Forgive us in our unwillingness to live by faith or to not trust you  
with providing all that we need for the journey.**

**May God's mercy surround our weaknesses  
with grace for restoring us to hope everlasting. Amen.**

*(Moment for Silent Prayer)*

## KYRIE #750

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Christ, have mercy upon us.

***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### ANTHEM

“How Great His Love”

**Senior Choir**

## A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

### SCRIPTURES

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

**<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

**<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.**

**<sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.**

**<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and  
your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON

“Believing is Beloving”

**Rev. David Ackerman**

Keystone Conference Region 3

*Transitional Regional Conference Minister*

HYMN #365

**“How Blessed Are They Who Trust in Christ”**

*(Remain Seated)*

PRAYER/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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**\*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

Gracious and Giving God, you have called us to give of our resources so that others may experience the new life you are inviting us into. Let our gifts be for the birthing of new life in our local community, in the global community, and in our faith community.  
In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #403 (v1)**

***My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;  
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O God who calls us to go out into the world with generosity, may these gifts call us from our lives of comfort towards a faith journey that embraces your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need of your healing.  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(All are welcome at the Table! We use Gluten free bread and grape juice.  
If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and we will come to you.)*

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open our hearts to God and one another.**

Let us give thanks.

**We thank God with joy.**

Holy God, our loving Creator,

We thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

Your breath gives us life;

Your word brings new life out of death.

You call us from separation and sin to a joyful life  
of communion with you and all your creatures.

With all your people and all creation, we sing of your compassion.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION #788

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.***

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.***

Holy God, we see and touch your Word in Jesus Christ, who communed with outcasts, who died among sinners, and who lives among us still. Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ, we offer you our praise as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy God, pour your Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and cup that we may know Christ in the breaking of the bread, and that in word and deed we may be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world. Amen.

### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*(Please come forward as the Usher directs you up the center aisle. We will form a semi-circle around the Communion Table. You will be individually served the bread first and then the cup. After we commune, the pastor will offer a benediction. Place your cups in the tray provided, return to your seat.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for refreshing our bodies and souls around your table of compassion. As we are fed, may we feed those around us who are also seeking renewal. Send us on our way restored by Christ's love and willing to be of service to your hurting world. Amen.

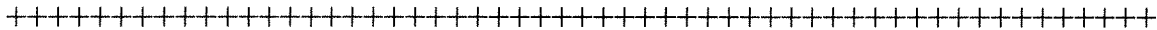
\*HYMN

“There is a Redeemer”

*Insert*

\*FINAL BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE:



**Portions of Today's Liturgy have been adapted from the following:**

**Called to Go:** Service Prayers for the Second Sunday in Lent were written by Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott who serves as the Conference Minister for the Indiana Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ and resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Communion Liturgy**

Ruth Duck. *Finding Words for Worship*. Westminster John Knox Press. Louisville. 1995.

**PRELUDE:** *In Christ Alone*. Words/Music-Keith Getty/Stuart Townsend. Arr. by Heather Sorenson. Published by Hal Leonard. ©2017 Thankyou Music

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***For an updated prayer list, please check the front table of the Gathering Area. Please call the office to be removed.***

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Bob & Suzy Miller's 69<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Given in love by the Miller family.

**Our Sincere Condolences to the families of Sue Churchill** who died Thursday morning, February 19<sup>th</sup> at home. The memorial service will be Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am here at Trinity UCC. Please keep Dave and their families in your Prayers. May God's loving embrace provide comfort and peace to Dave and their families.

**LAST CHANCE: LILY/TULIP ORDERS – Due by Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**DINNER CHURCH: Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm** A gathering where all the most important things happen at the table. Please bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger group. No reservations needed. Just show up with food to share!

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS): March 15<sup>th</sup>– Rebuilding lives with love.** Giving to OGHS is sharing your love to the world - through disaster relief, economic development, or essentials like food, water, and shelter. **Look for flyers and giving envelopes in the pews and Gathering Area.**

**MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING – Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm.**

**YOUTH BIBLE AND BREW – Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00pm-8:00pm at Waldo's & Company.**

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate. We will enjoy each other's company, have some caffeine, and stimulating conversation. Bring at least 1 friend. Sign-up in Gathering Area.

**PALM SUNDAY DINNER – March 29, 2026** following the 10:30am worship. Sign up sheet is located in the Gathering Area. Menu will be available soon.

**FROM THE HISTORY TASK FORCE:** New Pictures have been placed in the History Cabinet. Can you find anyone you know?

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: *The Poles are Closing*:** Sunday, March 8th, will be the last day you can make your mark for a 5th Sunday Special Collection choice. The votes will be counted the next week and results will be posted in the bulletin on Sunday the 15th of March.

**ATTENDANCE 2/22: 8:00am 20 10:30am 22 On-line 164 TOTAL 206**

**FINANCE REPORT 2/22**

Envelope Offering Need: \$29,696.00      Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$23,304.50  
Property Fund Need: \$3,080.00      Property Offering Rec'd: \$1,272.50

**THIS WEEK**

**Today: ONE SERVICE 10:30am** - Rev. Dave Ackerman, Guest Pastor  
2:00pm Reception – Fellowship Hall

**Monday, 3/2: 3:30pm Property** - Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, 3/4: DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS**

5:30pm Dinner Church – Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Choir - Sanctuary

**Friday, 3/6: 9:30am Flutes** – Fellowship Hall

**Next Sunday, 3/8: Daylight Savings Time Begins** – Spring 1 hour forward

Confirmation Class following worship - Sanctuary

12:30pm-4:30pm MDANA – Fellowship Hall

**Worship Participants**

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Rev. David Ackerman

Joan Peck

Sara Shank

Mark Luckenbaugh

Ann & Buck Harvey

Harry Hilbert

Buck Harvey

Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Russell Bailey,

Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Ruth Krietz, Terry Krietz, Garrison Redding,

Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.

Pastor

Guest Pastor

Liturgist

Organist/Choir Director

Percussionist

Greeters

Usher

Acolyte

Tech Team

Georg Neumark, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

1. If you but trust in God to guide you,  
with hope-ful heart through all your ways,  
you will find strength, with God be-side you,  
to bear the worst of e-vil days;  
For those who trust God's change-less love  
build on the rock that will not move.
  
2. On-ly be still, and wait God's plea-sure  
in cheer-ful hope, with heart con-tent,  
trust-ing that grace which knows no mea-sure  
will by un-bound-ed Love be sent;  
Nor doubt our in-most wants are clear  
to One who holds us al-ways near.
  
3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swerv-ing;  
of-fer your ser-vice faith-ful-ly,  
and trust God's word, though un-de-serv-ing,  
there find the truth to set you free;  
God will not fail to guide and bless  
those who em-brace God's faith-ful-ness.

Ps. 55:22

## How Blessed Are They Who Trust in Christ

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Fred Pratt Green, 1972

1. How blessed are they who trust in Christ  
when we and those we love must part;  
We yield them up, for go they must,  
but do not lose them from our heart.
  
2. In rip-ened age, their har-vest reaped,  
or gone from us in youth or prime,  
In Christ they have e-ter-nal life,  
re-leased from all the bonds of time.
  
3. In Christ, who tast-ed death for us,  
we rise a-bove our nat-ural grief,  
and wit-ness to a strick-en world  
the strength and splen-dor of be-lief.

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John 3:13–16; Jude 1:20–21

# There Is A Redeemer

Words and Music by  
Melody Green

## VERSE

♩ = 92    D    Dsus D Dsus D    A D G A D A D Dsus D



1. There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son; Pre - cious Lamb of
2. Je sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; Pre - cious Lamb of
3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face; There I'll serve my


## CHORUS

6 Dsus D Dsus D G G/B Asus A7 D D D/F# G D

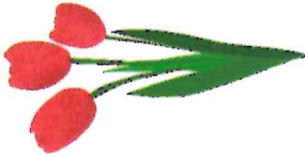


God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - ly One. Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for  
God, Mes - si - ah, O for sin - ners slain.  
King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

11 G A D A7 D Dsus D Dsus D Dsus D G G/B Asus A7 D



giv - ing us Your Son, and leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.



# LILY/TULIP ORDER FORM



**\*\* DEADLINE TO ORDER: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies (\$13.50) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulips (\$12.50) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check

**Make checks payable to Trinity UCC**

**Please state bulletin listing: (please print)**

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my lily/tulip  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deliver my lily/tulip to a shut-in