

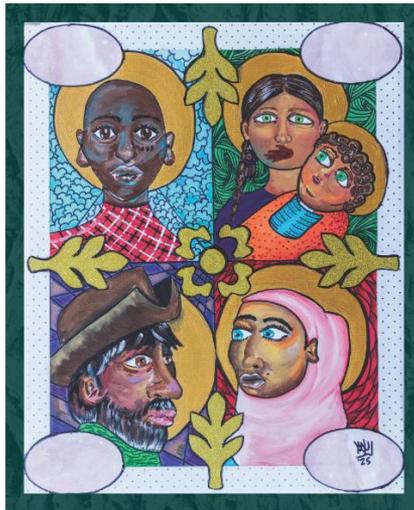
# Trinity United Methodist Church



Lent IV • March 15

the good news is...

protection & care for  
the vulnerable



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+ *invites you to rise in body or spirit.*

## We Gather:

*Prelude: Piano: "Londonderry Air" – Joseph Martin*

*Organ: "Lord of all Hopefulness" - Dale Wood*

Welcome

## +Call to Worship:

*Leader:* God loves the field mouse.

**People: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

*Leader:* God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**People: God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

*Leader:* God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**People: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

*Leader:* God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**People: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.**

*Leader:* God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**People: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

*Leader:* So let us worship this good-news God!

**People: Amen.**

**+Hymn:** *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* ..... 117

## Opening Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness:

*Leader:* God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

**People: Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

*Leader:* Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

**People: We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.**

Leader: God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

**People: We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them." We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways. Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

**People: By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved. May this good news change our lives! Amen.**

**Special Music** ..... *Amanda Bartel*

**Children's Message** ..... *Betsy Buco*

**A Time for Offering Prayers of Joys and Concerns**

**Hymn:** *Spirit of the Living God*..... **393**

**Pastoral Prayer** ..... *\*This is also a time for private prayers\**

**First Reading**..... Deuteronomy 24:17-22

**Second Reading** ..... Matthew 19:13-15

**Sermon:** "The Good News Is: *Protection and Care for the Vulnerable*"

**The Offering**

*Offering plate is available in the Narthex before and after the service*

*The Doxology* ..... **95**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn:** *See the Precious Children* ..... **Insert**

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## **Response to the Word:**

Leader: Now go to take the love of God into the world.

**People: We will show others the way to God's fields of grace.**

Leader: Now go to take grace of Jesus into the world.

**People: We will seek to bring others to the still waters of peace.**

Leader: Now go to take the community of the Spirit into the world.

**People: We will work to restore the lives of all whom we meet.**

## **Benediction**

*Postlude: "There is a Green Hill Far Away" – arr. Whitworth*

***Adult & Children's Sunday School – Join us after Worship today as we explore the teachings of the Bible and apply them to our daily lives. Every age is welcome.***

## **Holy Week Events: (Check new time for Maundy Thursday)**

- March 29<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday. Children's Palm Branch Procession. Children's Easter Egg Hunt.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Maundy Thursday Service at Janes UMC, 7pm
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Good Friday Service at Bairdford UMC, 6pm
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - AVAC Community Good Friday Service at Trinity UMC, 12pm – 3pm
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday