

Trinity United Methodist Church



Lent III March 8

the good news is...

together, the impossible
is possible



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March 8, 2026

Zack Bohinski, Pastor
Chris Steele, Liturgist; Evelyn Callender, Music Director
+ invites you to rise in body or spirit.

We Gather

Prelude: Piano: "Darkest Hour" – Joel Raney

Organ: "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" - arr. Wood

Welcome

+Call to Worship

Leader: If you need good news,

People: settle into this space. We have good news to share.

Leader: If you need a word of hope,

People: then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.

Leader: If you need a glimmer of joy,

People: then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

Leader: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

People: then know that this is God's house.

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.

People: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!

+Hymn: *We Gather Together* 131

Opening Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. 5,000 can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive our small-minded

ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

Special Music *Bruce Mahan*

Children’s Message *Chris Steele*

A Time for Offering Prayers of Joys and Concerns

Hymn: *We Shall Overcome*..... **533**

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

First Reading.....Mark 6:32-44

Second Reading..... Ephesians 3:20-21

Sermon: *"The Good News Is: Together, the Impossible Is Possible"*

The Offering

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

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

Announcements

Sending Hymn: *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* **121**

Response to the Word:

Leader: Let us go now, to meet all thirsting for God.

People: We will share the living water with everyone we meet.

Leader: Let us go now, to listen as Jesus does with us.

People: We will hear the stories and hearts of all who are considered voiceless by our world.

Leader: Let us go now, to bring the Spirit's wholeness to others.

People: We will bring peace and healing to the broken and lonely, even as they offer us hope and grace by their lives.

Benediction

Postlude: *“A Way to Calvary Leadeth” – arr. Wood*

Announcements – March 8, 2026

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.

Cluck-Cluck Give a Buck – This year the children have chosen to offer support to the Yencha family. Their father and husband, Darren, has been in ICU since Christmas battling a severe infection. Thank you for helping!

The Mission Ministry – We have adopted a new format for Item of the Month. It will now be known as **Items of the Season**. This Spring, (March, April, May) we will be collecting PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY for the AVAC Food Bank. Please place the donated items in the baskets in the Narthex. Each season, new items will be collected. We hope the new format will be more convenient and better serve the food bank. Thank you for sharing!

The Family Promise House Committee - There will be a meeting following church on March 15. We will be discussing how to initiate preparing more meals for Family Promise House. These meals could possibly be prepared at a time more convenient for volunteers who are not available during the daytime hours. Anyone interested in helping with this outreach is invited to attend the meeting. The meals are prepared in the Church Kitchen. Everything needed is provided. We spend about two hours from start to finish, then the meals are delivered to Promise House in Brackenridge. Come join the team as we serve our community!

Easter Flowers – Celebrate the risen Lord! Order forms are in the Narthex.

Holy Week:

- March 29th - Palm Sunday. Children's Palm Branch procession.
- April 2nd - Maundy Thursday Service at Janes UMC, 6pm
- April 3rd - Good Friday Service at Bairdford UMC, 6pm
- April 3rd - AVAC Community Good Friday Service at Trinity UMC, 12pm – 3pm
- April 5th – Easter Sunday