

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey  
*(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

Greetings, Announcements and Prayer

\*Call to Worship  
We are living Lent,  
**Hearts healing, sins conquered**  
We are living Lent,  
**Prayers lifting, grace received**  
We are living Lent.  
**Let us give thanks and praise to  
our God of mercy and healing!**

\*Opening Hymn *"Gather Us In"* TFWS 2236

\*Opening Prayer  
**Merciful God,**  
**Your ways are not our ways, for in your compassion for your sinful children you sent your Son Jesus. Grant us grace to feel and confess our share of the evil that made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

\*Litany of Healing Insert  
\*For the Sick 457

\*Gloria Patri 70  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Canticle of Covenant Faithfulness 125

Passing of the Peace

"Let the Children Come!"  
*(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)*

Scripture Readings Isaiah 55:1-9 Page 650 (O.T.)  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Pages 162-163 (N.T.)

\*Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9 Page 74 (N.T.)

Lenten Homily *"Fear and Fig Trees"* Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

\*Hymn *"Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer"* (vs. 1-3) 266

Prayer of Confession 890  
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.**

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings  
Offertory *"I Will Remember Thee"* Choir

\*Doxology 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

A Celebration of Healing and Communion Insert

\*Closing Hymn *"When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"* (vs. 1-3) 263

\*Benediction  
\*Benediction Response *"May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You"* Choir & Congregation

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

### **Leading in Worship Today**

Pastor: Rev. Darlene L. Kelley AV Director: Marie Stiles  
Music Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Assistant: Chris Derrick  
Liturgist: Dan Greshel

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME** in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning.

**Today's Lovely Flowers are given to the Glory of God.**

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...

Hilda Edwards Patsy Shuler Marilyn Lloyd Tom Lloyd Ruth Frady Christopher McCroskey  
Rhett Hook Diane Muszynski Cristen Hipp Latson Lewis English Percy Hannah Glanz  
Kaye Floyd Libby Strickland Ray Frady

**Shut-Ins:** Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor

**Family and Friends:** **James Leonard** (previous coworker of Mark Lewis); **Kathleen Varnadore** (Ted & Ruth Frady's neighbor); **Paul Frenzel** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Sissy Henry** (former member of Trinity); **Sean & Tucker Smith** (cousins of Darlene Kelley); **Sonny Hardee** (brother of Lynn Martin); **Colby Martin** (son of Donna Muszynski); **Lynne Powell** (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); **Bobby Johnson** (friend of Billy Pearson); **Rev. Donna Eidson** (former pastor of Trinity); **Ima Thibodeaux** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Keith Jordan** (nephew of John & Kay Jordan); **Ann Cullum** (friend of Bob Strickland); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather of Matthew Skipper); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); ; **Charlyn McNeill, Michael McNeill** (sister & brother of Mary Sue Lewis); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Chuck Hardee** (cousin of Lynn Martin); **Bruce Beatty, Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd** (friends of Lynn Martin); **Pearl Geddens** (mother of Tom Geddens); **Ross Deal** (grandson of Mary Kamoroff); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (friends of Tommy Gleaton); **Ron & Janet Walker** (friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Monnie Tiller** (friend of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Janet Beck** (friend of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at [trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 03/16 SS: 8 Worship: 36

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 03/16 \$ 1,935.50

**OUR SERVICE...**

**OUR WITNESS.”**

**Upcoming Events**

**TODAY** Taste of Trinity

Ministries Team Meeting

**03/24** Exercise, Class, 10:30 a.m.

**03/26** Choir, 6 p.m.

T.a.G., 7 p.m.

**03/27** Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

Columbia District-Wide Revival, 6 p.m.

**03/28** Office Closed



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*A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it ...*

LUKE 13:6, NRSV

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**Today**

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held following the service this morning. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

**Please Note:** The Ministry Team will meet immediately following Taste of Trinity.



**Columbia District-Wide Worship and Revival Service  
Francis Burns United Methodist Church  
Thursday, March 27  
6 p.m.**

Come together for an evening of district-wide worship and revival! Join with other UMC's across the Columbia District to worship, celebrating our connectionalism and mission as we praise God and give thanks for blessings. Francis Burns UMC is located at 5616 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203.



**Sunday, April 6**

In keeping with the dramatic events told at Easter, the title of our 2025 Easter Cantata is, Over too soon...OR WAS IT?! We'll follow Jesus and his band of followers from his entrance into Jerusalem to the glorious revelations at Easter. Along the way we will look at what made him and his remarkable message memorable. We'll also experience what his disciples thought of his unique approach to what it meant to be part of the Kingdom of God. His death changes everything for them and how resurrection made it possible to share this remarkable message with others.



All Community Holy Week Services start at 6 p.m.

Palm Sunday April 13	Mt Hebron UMC - Tom Wall
Monday, April 14	Cayce UMC – Darlene Kelley
Tuesday, April 15	Brookland UMC – Cynthia Taylor
Wednesday, April 16	Trinity - Mark Payne
Thursday, April 17	Maundy Thursday @ Trinity Communion & Reflection, Starting at 4:30 p.m.

We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not Death, was the final word.

We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished and healed by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world.

And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:

**We do not presume to come to this thy table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own  
righteousness, but in thy manifold and great  
mercies. We are not worthy so much as to  
gather up the crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord, whose property is  
always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious God, so to partake of this  
Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in  
newness of life, and grow into his likeness, and may evermore  
dwell in him, and He in us. Amen.**

As this grain was once scattered in the fields and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread. Take. The Bread of Life.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.  
Take. Drink. The Cup of the New Covenant. God is with you.



## **Litany of Healing**

God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know and your will for us is healing and salvation.

**We praise you and thank you, O God.**

God of love, you enter into our lives and stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are.

**We praise you and thank you, O God.**

God of mercy, you gave your only Son, who lived among us and took our pain and suffering upon himself.

**We praise you and thank you, O God.**

Touch and heal our bodies suffering from sickness, injury and disability and make us whole again.

**Hear us, O God of life.**

Touch and heal our minds from darkness, confusion and doubt and fill them with your light.

**Hear us, O God of life.**

Touch and heal our hearts burdened by anguish, despair and isolation and set us free in love.

**Hear us, O God of life.**

Break the bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion and addiction; restore to us the assurance of your mercy and strengthen us in recovery.

**Come with your healing power, O God.**

Give us liberty from our old hurts and painful memories.

**Come with your healing power, O God.**

Fill us with peace in our grief, our loneliness and our loss.

**Come with your healing power, O God.**

God, in you all brokenness is made whole.

**Look with compassion on us and those for whom  
we pray, that we may be given new life in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**



*Trinity United Methodist Church  
A Celebration of Communion  
and Healing*

*Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship & Flames of  
the Spirit, Ruth Duck, ed., 1985*

May grace and peace be yours in abundance  
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.  
We have come to lift up our brothers and sisters before the Lord that they  
might receive healing.  
Let those who seek God's healing open their hearts  
to the Spirit of the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
**And all that is within me,  
bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits. **The Lord  
forgives all our iniquity,  
and heals all our diseases.**

The Lord redeems our lives from the pit,  
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.  
**God satisfies us with good as long as we live  
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

*Opening Prayer*

**Almighty and Everlasting God, who can banish  
all afflictions of soul, body and mind, show forth your power  
upon those in need, that by your mercy they may be restored to  
serve you afresh in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

*Thanksgiving Over the Oil*

Let us pray: **O God, the giver of health and salvation, the  
liberator of our souls, we give thanks to you for the gift of oil.  
As your holy apostles anointed many who were sick and healed  
them, so pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift, that  
those who in faith and  
repentance receive this anointing may be made free and  
whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebration of the Great Thanksgiving*

When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and  
sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim  
again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to  
share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to God.**  
Let us thank God:  
**It is good to thank God.**

We thank you, O God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever  
were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the heights of  
the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go  
to the depths of the sea, your right  
hand holds us fast.