

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

REFLECTION: “Then celebrate all the good things the Lord your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.” – Deuteronomy 26:11, CEB

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE PEACE:

Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν (ay-REE-nay HEE-meen)– Greek

CALL TO WORSHIP¹:

Leader: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

People: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Leader: Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

People: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Leader: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

People: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

*At this mark, please stand as you are comfortable

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Leader: Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God’s faithful reply:

People: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #139

*OPENING PRAYER²:

**God, you are our refuge.
You are the shore in sight,
you are hands that reach out,
you are the ground on which to rest.**

**God, you are our strength.
You are the life we long for,
you are the refusal to give up,
you are the keys of home we carry with us.**

**God, you are our help in time of trouble.
We call on you from the ruins and the rubble,
We call on you from the wildness and the deep,
We call on you to meet us in this place! Amen.**

*ACT OF PRAISE:

“My Tribute” #99

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Second Lesson Romans 10:8b-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

² Found in Cláudio Carvalhaes, Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020), 40.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

“My Gratitude Now Accept, O God” 2044
(Verses 1 & 2)

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING³:

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION:

“Spirit Song” #347

Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen

³ <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/steadfast-love-a-lenten-playlist/first-sunday-in-lent-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/first-sunday-in-lent-year-c-offertory-prayer>

MESSAGE: "Celebrate Together"

*CLOSING HYMN:
"Lord of the Dance"

#261

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

As many of you know, Kanes Florist has closed. This is where we have been getting our flowers for the holiday season. We have decided to use Currans right here in Danvers this Easter season. In years past, we were able to pick which colors we wanted. This year we will be ordering an assortment of colors. We will also be offering Lillies this year!



Easter Tulips and Lillies Order Form 2025
The altar will be decorated on Easter Sunday with a beautiful display of flowers.
Deadline for ordering is SUNDAY, APRIL 6th.

Your name: _____

In memory of: _____

In memory of: _____

In memory of: _____

AND/OR

In honor of: _____

In honor of: _____

In honor of: _____

How many 6" Tulips: _____ X \$12 each =\$ _____

How many 6" Lillies: _____ X \$14 each =\$ _____

Along with this order form, please enclose CASH or CHECK made out to Holy Trinity United Methodist Church (marked Easter Flowers) and place in the offering plate or in the basket on the narthex table.

Thank you and Happy Easter!



Spring Craft Fair
Save the Date!
Saturday, May 3, 2025
10:00 am. - 3:00 pm

Need: Help with advertising (we need to get word out for lots of foot traffic), someone to map out the spots in Fellowship Hall, and someone(s) to organize bake table.

If you are a crafter or know of someone who would be interested in renting a spot at our Spring Fair,

Please contact Linda Ramsdell

978-239-3808 or blberamsdell@yahoo.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: Linda Phillips, Tuckerman Ferris, Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju, Virginia Pickett, Sarah Pena, Linda Murphy, Mark, Joanne Smith, Jeanette, Mary, Millie Ward, Bridget, Rev. Higgins, John, Jean, Ritchie, June, Ray & George, John Douglass, Sandy Gray, Barbara Towski, Jean Ebb, William Drury, Shirley Teague, Nancy Higgins, Betty Spencer, Betty & Bob, Lillian Gillis, Nancy Tiskis, Dree, DeeDee, Pat Gagnon, Pamela Drury, Susan Ellis, Luke & Philippa, Debbie Campbell, Jean Ebb, Cheryl Clay, Richard Cyr, Anne Bennett, Jo-Ann Tilton.

JOYS AND CONCERNS for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Shin at singingpastorshin@gmail.com or texted to 781-572-6650 (please leave your name as well as your request).

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you would like a visit from Pastor Shin, please notify him at singingpastorshin@gmail.com or call his cell phone at 781-572-6650. You may also contact the church office at htumchurch@gmail.com or 978-777-7408.

E-Giving can be made via PayPal & Venmo



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EVENTS

Sunday

Church Service and Sunday School 9:30 am
Followed by fellowship coffee hour

First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry

Monday

Tuesday

Samaritan Circle: Second Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

Friendship Ring: First Wednesday of the month (off-site)

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

The Gathering – 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:30am-Noon

AA 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATES

March 9 – Day Light Savings

March 28 – Birka Lodge 6pm-10pm

March 30 – UMCOR Sunday

March 30 – Private rental

2pm-5pm

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 20 – Easter Sunday

May 3 – Craft Fair 10am-3pm

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A large, stylized cross graphic in a dark purple color, positioned behind the text 'LENT'.

The Reverend Shin Ahn, *Pastor*
Nancy Rodriguez, *Christian Education Director*
Jodi Armstrong, *Office Administrator*
Kevin O'Brien, *Sexton*