

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
March 15, 2026

LENT FOUR: BREAD FOR SHARING



GATHERING

*We gather as the body of Christ to encounter God in worship.*

Prelude

“You Never Let Go”  
Matt Redman  
Jaron Marcus

Welcome and Announcements

Marvin Burris

Introit

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”  
Arr. Lloyd Larson  
Trinity Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

You are invited to the feast of plenty. Let every willing soul join in the circle!

**The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.**

Wear whatever you have. You are welcome as you are!

**The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.**

At this celebration, no one is turned away. There is a place for you!

**The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!**

\*Hymn No. 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Call to Confession

**God of extravagant feasts and open invitations, we confess our tables are often small and exclusive. When we should stretch our welcome to others, we limit seats to those we find useful, acceptable, or entertaining. We make plans without accommodating everyone’s needs. We choose to leave people out rather than express boundaries that might feel uncomfortable. We choose a shallow sense of peace rather than the deep peace that comes after hard, healing conversations. While you do not require us to include people who cause us to feel unsafe or at risk, you do call us to welcome people we find different, difficult, or annoying. Give us good discernment to**

**include those who challenge us and expand our capacity for compassion so we might love our neighbors as you love us. Amen.**  
*(Time for silent confession.)*

Sung Response Hymn No. 437

“You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Hebrews 13: 1-8; 15-16  
NRSVUE

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Earth and All Stars”  
Arr. Sandra Eithun  
Trinity Handbell Choir

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "Bread for Sharing"

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.*

\*Hymn (screens)

"This is the Feast of Freedom"

Affirmation of Faith

(from Illustrated Ministry)

**We believe in God, who created all people in the divine image and calls each person beloved. We believe in Jesus Christ, who welcomed and ate with outsiders and proclaimed good news to the poor. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who breaks down dividing walls and gathers us into one body where all belong. We believe God calls us to practice radical hospitality, inviting those who are excluded to the table. We believe the church is called to be a refuge of safety and healing where healthy boundaries nurture trust and protect the vulnerable. We believe our work of inclusion is ongoing and empowered by the Spirit, who makes all things new. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“St. Columba”  
Arr. Charles Callahan  
Brad Stipcak

\*Doxology Hymn No. 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.*

\*Hymn No. 767 (vv. 1-3)

“Together We Serve”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response Hymn No. 227

“Jesus, Remember Me”

\*Postlude

Jaron Marcus, piano

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

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Marvin Burris, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

Jaron Marcus, piano

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