

Trinity Presbyterian Church
March 19, 2023 A.D.
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Call to worship

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God in you I trust.

P: Do not let me be put to shame. Do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame. Let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

L: Make me know your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

P: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you, I wait all day long. Therefore, let us praise your name on this day. Amen.

(Psalm 25)

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession

L: Friends, our high priest, Jesus Christ, knows all our weaknesses, and can sympathize, because he was tested in every way we are, only without sinning. So let's come boldly to the throne of grace, where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most. Let us pray together.

In Unison: ***Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen***

*Our Response ***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn - ***When Morning Gilds the Skies #487***

The Morning Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:11-24

The Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹ Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

Sermon: ***The Prodigal’s Father***

*Hymn - ***Just as I Am, Without One Plea #370***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response **God be with You Till We Meet Again**

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Liturgist: Josh Coy

Sololist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Kathy Stevens & Megan Davis

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Carlene McCaffrey. Given by: Don and Alice Kocher.



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