



# Lent

40 DAYS OF RENEWAL



## Faithfulness

March 9, 2022

7:00 p.m.

**Week 1 of Lent: Faithfulness**

Isaiah 43:1-5a

Galatians 5:1

Luke 4:1-13

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*Lent is a season of repentance, turning to God and asking for God's goodness to wipe away our sins and to show us how to live anew. Lent also turns us toward Easter and the abundant life God will offer through the Three Days. This Lenten midweek service series turns us toward God's abundance by focusing on five divine attributes from the gospel texts for Lent (lectionary cycle C).*

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God.

**Why no alleluias or hymns of praise during Lent?** You may have noticed that the hymn of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'"

([http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No\\_Alleluia.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm)).

## PRELUDE

### *Wondrous Love*

Paxton

Nancy Enders, organist

*(Please use the prelude as a quiet time to begin worship)*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND LENTEN VERSICLES

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** (Sung)

Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,

**Who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross.**

Despising the shame,

**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

O Jesus, we adore Thee,

**upon the cross, our King.**

Let us pray.

We gather to worship, O God, under the shadow of the cross, sign of human shame and divine wisdom. Help us by your grace to follow faithfully in your ways so that we may live to you and die to you. We are your people; we belong to you. Therefore, we offer you our worship and our lives. May your name be glorified in your church as we are open to your presence this night! In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

In Jesus Christ, God came among us to save us from sin and death. In walking to the cross, Christ freed us from the bondage of guilt and judgment. We come before God now, seeking grace freely given to us.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

### SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## LITANY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we hear and obey the voice of the world rather than turning to you for guidance,

**grant us grace, O God, and free us.**

When we critically judge others without wanting to look at ourselves,

**grant us grace, O God, and free us.**

When we fail to love any of your people out of prejudice and fear,

**grant us grace, O God, and free us.**

## PRAYER FOR MERCY (TRISAGION)

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND CHORAL AMEN

In the cross, we see God's amazing love for us. We are God's children living in a confused world. So in abundant grace, God answers our doubt, heals our pain, and forgives our failures in grace. I announce therefore in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free in grace. Thanks be to God! **Amen.** (sung)

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**HYMN**

*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

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*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## HOLY SCRIPTURES

**THE FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 43:1-5a**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## THE SECOND LESSON

**Galatians 5:1**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

*Glory Be to You, O Lord*

**St. Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise Be to You, O Christ*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

**SERMON**

**"Faithfulness and Freedom"**

**Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again

from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

## THE EVENING PRAYER

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests, that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who bring peace, justice, healing, and protection to this and every place.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Now in a time of silence, let us offer prayers for our loved ones who are in need of your healing love.

*THE SILENT PRAYER*

**THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD**

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.

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**PEOPLE'S OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with the words of grace and life. Bless us and these gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

**HYMN**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*St. Anthony's Chorale*  
Nancy Enders, organist

Haydn

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**CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY**

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**Ministering This Evening**

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen

Building Trustee: John Shelsky

**Tonight we welcome the Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen, a member of Trinity Church, as our guest preacher. Dr. Christensen is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary and was ordained on June 7, 1970. He has served the following ministries:**

- 1998-12 Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion; Director of the Mission House Center for Theology, Lakeland College
- 1992-98 Professor of Church History, Phillips Theological Seminary 1988-92  
Ph.D. in Church History, Union Theological Seminary (VA)
- 1983-88 Pastor, Salem U.C.C., Campbelltown
- 1980-83 Chaplain & Teacher of Religious Ed., Maun Secondary School, Botswana
- 1974-80 Pastor, St. Peter's U.C.C., State College
- 1972-74 Pastor, Congregational U.C.C., Amherst, OH
- 1971-72 Assistant Pastor, Faith U.C.C., State College
- 1970-71 Assistant to Director of Development, Lancaster Theological Seminary
- 1970 Summer Pastor, First Congregational U.C.C., Brookfield, VA

**Thanks to Nancy Enders for serving as our supply organist tonight. A graduate of Lebanon Valley College, Nancy is a retired Hempfield School District music teacher. She served as our organist & director of music from 1989-2010 and interim organist in 2016.**

### **LENTEN SERVICES---Theme: Turning Toward God's Abundance**

**Week 2: Mercy (March 16 at 7 p.m.)---Dr. Randall Zachman**

**Week 3: Compassion (March 23 at 7 p.m.)---Rev. Margaret Rohnacher**

**Week 4: Forgiveness (March 30 at 7 p.m.)---Rev. Bob Bistline**

**Week 5: Love (April 6 at 7 p.m.)—Rev. Sandy Morris (may include the order of healing)**

**We are also planning to stream the Wednesday evening services.**

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS:** The Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen will be leading an adult Sunday School class on **March 6, 13, and 20** at 9:00 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. The title of Dr. Christensen's class is **“Uncovering Deeper Meaning in the Bible”**. He will look at some familiar texts and see the meanings behind them which are not immediately obvious.



**SPRING AHEAD:** March 13 is Daylight Savings Time, so don't forget to turn your clocks one hour ahead on March 12!!!

**GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST:** The Lancaster YMCA is planning to have the Good Friday breakfast on at the Farm & Home Center on April 15 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). The Rev. Gerald Simmons, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be the speaker. Trinity will once again have a table of 8 people for the breakfast. The cost will be \$20 per person. Contact the church office to make a reservation.

**DEVOTIONALS:** The January-March edition of *These Days & Lenten* devotionals are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

**THE MARCH PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Copies of the new church directory are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS** are available on the table across from the church office or in the Parish Post. The deadline to order flowers is March 15. Contact Dan Otthofer for more information.

#### **“FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY” BOOK STUDY**

Pastor Rankin will be leading a book study after Easter. We will be reading *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life* by Henri Nouwen. We will meet via Google Meet at 7 p.m. on April 21 & 28 and May 12, 19, & 26. **The deadline to order books through the church office is March 15.**

**LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR:** Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship on March 17 from noon-1 p.m. in Isenberg Hall!

**2021 ANNUAL REPORTS** are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on the both floors of the church building.

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We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from at least seven sub varieties:

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## 2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AIDS SPONSORS

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. We recently changed florists and so the new price for flowers will be \$60. The price for worship aids will remain at \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: **March 27.**

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KEN GEIB** will be held at Trinity Church on Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m. If you would like to serve as a greeter or usher, please contact Pastor Rankin.

**CHURCH MULCHING:** The Property Committee is tentatively planning to put mulch around the church property on Saturday, April 2 (in the morning). Watch for more details in the coming weeks!



**March 11  
April 8, and May 20**

**Masks may required per CDC guidelines**

*Please bring your own drink and snack.*

*Any Questions call: Karen Olley (717)598-0247*

### **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 3/26/22 at Trinity UCC. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149(\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1- 888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979. You can also sign up on the Screening Apt. Sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Also available are coupons for either a free screening or a half price screening. There are a limited number of coupons. First come, first served. Contact the church office for more information.

## **ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

When we returned to worship in the midst of the pandemic, Pastor Rankin has taken on the altar guild responsibility each week. The pastor now is looking for a few more volunteers to help prepare the altar for weekly worship. The following people have agreed to serve: Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Karen Olley, and Jamy Shelly. The pastor is looking for another 2-4 people to serve. Pastor Rankin is willing to offer a training session for all volunteers. You can contact him or Donna Denlinger, the Elder representative to the altar guild.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anne Rankin, Marvin Lehman and family, Lee Bossert, Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Joann Garvin, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Herb Charles, Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Carole Connor, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty) Donna Smoker (friend of Trinity), Mary Witmer, Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel (nephew of Marianne Gibble & his wife), the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Ann Wolf (neighbor of George & Sandy DeLong), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta), Chad & Paul Zirkel (sons of Donna Zirkel), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Donna Denlinger, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Lily Kilgore & family, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Doris Leaman, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).