

# Lent

40 DAYS OF RENEWAL



March 1, 2023

7:00 p.m.

**SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY**

*Week 1 of Lent: Inheritance of Faith*

*(George Herbert; John & Charles Wesley)*

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Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. We who have been baptized into Christ have died to sin and are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. This is the wonderful understanding of sinner and saint.

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Christian faith. These are people from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we find inspiration for our Christian journey. This Lenten midweek series honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks of the Lenten season. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith.

This week's commemorations –George Herbert, an English Anglican country priest and renowned poet, and John & Charles Wesley, Anglican priests, missionaries to America, and eventual founders of the Methodist movement—remind us that we share in this heritage of passing on the good news of Jesus Christ. Our faith has been handed down from ages past. We give thanks for countless individuals who have passed on the faith. As we think about the history of the church, we remember missionaries who traveled to distant lands and across barriers of language and culture to share this faith. We remember scholars, teachers, and theologians who helped us articulate our faith. We also remember people in our own lives who taught what it means to follow Jesus.

**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)).

**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.

**From George Herbert (*The Temple: Antiphon I*, 1633):**

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,*

*My God and King.*

*The heav'ns are not too high,*

*God's praise may thither fly:*

*The earth is not too low,*

*God's praises there may grow.*

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,*

*My God and King.*

*The church with psalms must shout,*

*No door can keep them out:*

*But above all, the heart*

*Must bear the longest part.*

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,*

*My God and King.*

**PRELUDE**     *Adagio (taken from the Overture to the Occasional Oratorio)*

**G. F. Handel**

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

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

## OPENING HYMN

### *Jesus, United by Thy Grace*

(Lyrics by Charles Wesley)

1. Je - sus, u - nit - ed by thy grace  
2. Help us to help each oth - er, Lord,  
3. Up un - to thee, our liv - ing Head,  
4. Touched by the lode - stone of thy love,  
5. To thee, in - sep - a - ra - bly joined,  
6. This is the bond of per - fect - ness,

and each to each en - deared, with con - fi - dence we  
each oth - er's cross to bear; let all their friend - ly  
let us in all things grow; till thou hast made us  
let all our hearts a - gree, and ev - er toward each  
let all our spir - its cleave; O may we all the  
thy spot - less char - i - ty; O let us, still we

seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.  
aid af - ford, and feel each oth - er's care.  
free in - deed and spot - less here be - low.  
oth - er move, and ev - er move toward thee.  
lov - ing mind that was in thee re - ceive.  
pray, pos - sess the mind that was in thee.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND LENTEN VERSICLES

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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.

**You are gracious and merciful, O God, slow to anger, rich in love. Receive our prayers as you have promised and uphold us by your Spirit, until all things, mended by your mercy, are made whole and well with you, through Jesus Christ, our healer and our hope. 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)*

### **LITANY PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal,  
**have mercy on us.**

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships, for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**



For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### 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 and divided world. In abundant grace, God answers our doubt, heals our pain, and forgives our sin. I announce, therefore, to you who do truly repent of your sins and believe in Jesus Christ that your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *(sung)*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## HOLY SCRIPTURES

### THE PSALTER

Psalm 145:1-13

Refrain (words by Pastor Rankin)

The Lord is gra-cious to all gen-er-a-tions!

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.  
**Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

*Repeat Refrain*

## **THE EPISTLE LESSON**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

**SERMON**

**Dr. Randall Zachman**

**“Declaring The Works of God from One Generation to Another”**

*(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.**



HYMN

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love*  
(Translated by John Wesley)

O Je - sus Your bound - less love 'tis true No thought can  
O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell but  
O Love, how gra - cious is Your way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful  
Your pure love a - lone; O may Your love pos -  
fore Your pres - ence flies; Care, an - guish, sor - row,

heart to You, And reign with - out a ri - val  
sess me whole, My joy, my treas - ure, and my  
melt a - way, Wher - e'er Your heal - ing beams a -

there! Yours whol - ly, Yours a - lone, I'd  
crown! All cold - ness from my heart re -  
rise. O Je - sus, may I noth - ing

live, My - self to You en - tire - ly give.  
move; May ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
view, de - sire, and noth - ing seek, but You!

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## **THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

## **THE EVENING PRAYER**

For those preparing for baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For parents, grandparents, and godparents who pass the faith on to future generations, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Sunday School teachers, spiritual friends, and camp counselors who guide us in the faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For pastors, elders, deacons, and missionaries who spread the gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For college and seminary professors who guide the next generation of church leaders, 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***

Let us pray together.

**Into your wide embrace, O God, we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting that you will receive them into your heart of mercy, Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **PEOPLE'S OFFERING**

## CALL TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

### *Offertory on "Danby"*

Based on a trad. English melody/arr. F. Ritter

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## OFFERING RESPONSE

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

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## 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.

## CLOSE OF WORSHIP

## HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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(Lyrics by Charles Wesley)

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude*

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## CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY

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### Ministering This Evening

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Preacher: Dr. Randall Zachman

Building Trustee: John Shelsky

Ushers/Greeters: Cherie Cataldi, Betty Tyndall

Tonight we welcome **Dr. Randall Zachman** as our guest preacher. Dr. Zachman is a graduate of Colgate University (B.A.), Yale Divinity School (M.Div.), and the University of Chicago Divinity School (Ph.D.). He is the Professor Emeritus of Reformation Studies at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. Dr. Zachman has published articles and books on John Calvin and Martin Luther. He is currently Adjunct Professor of Church History at Lancaster Theological

Seminary. Dr. Zachman is the husband of the Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, and has taught adult Sunday School classes at Trinity.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** can be found on the table across from the church office.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**—Look for a copy on the table across from the church office. Make any changes by March 12

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

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

**MEN OF TRINITY BREAKFAST:** The monthly breakfast will be held at the Family Fare Restaurant on **March 4 at 8:00 a.m.** Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office.

**LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES:** The Board of Deacons decided to divide the donations in the Lenten denial envelope to assist those impacted by the war in Ukraine and the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please be generous as we help our brothers and sisters in need.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES:** “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”  
Join us for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Here is the list of themes and preachers:

**March 8** (Perseverance with Endurance—Perpetua & Felicity/Harriet Tubman/Sojourner Truth)—Rev. Dr. Carrie Call preaching

**March 15** (Faithful in Prayer—Gregory the Great/Patrick)---Rev. Bob Bistline preaching

**March 22** (Striving for Justice—Oscar Romero)---Rev. Ken Trauger preaching

**March 29** (Dying and Rising with Christ—Hans Nielsen Hauge/John Donne)---Pastor Emeritus Harry Royer preaching

**April 5** (The Beginning of Life—Dietrich Bonhoeffer)---Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen preaching

## LENTEN ADULT STUDIES

### **Becoming Jesus' Disciples: The Hard Examples of Those Who Did**

Sunday mornings in Lent at Trinity East Pete  
Isenberg Hall 9:00 a.m.  
with Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe



When we think of “the disciples” who followed Jesus, it’s usually the twelve that he named as apostles who come to mind. But when we look closely at the gospels, the category “disciple” becomes much wider and more complicated. Who were these men and women, why did they follow Jesus, and what were the challenges they faced?

March 5 — The 70, the Women, and Many More

March 12 — The Secret Disciples

In these Lenten sessions Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe (Anne Rankin’s father) will explore surprising implications for the decision to follow Jesus in our own time. Come and learn more about “the cost and joy of discipleship” from the hard examples of those who first followed him.

Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe is minister emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Previously, he served as academic dean of Northern Seminary in Illinois, director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and pastor at Church of the Apostles in Lancaster and St. Paul’s UCC in Westminster, Maryland. In addition to MA and MDiv degrees, he holds a PhD in American Studies from Boston University.

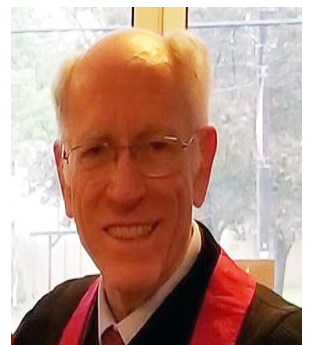
### **Finding the Gospel in the Old Testament with Dr. Rich Christensen 9:00 A.M. in Isenberg Hall**

March 19—The Freedom of God

March 26—The Power of Names

April 2—Life-Saving Faithfulness

Dr. Rich Christensen, a member of Trinity Church, is a retired professor of Church History. He previously served pastorates in Pennsylvania and Ohio, a missionary in Botswana, and professor at Phillips Theological Seminary in Oklahoma and Lakeland College in Wisconsin. He received degrees from Lancaster Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (PhD).



**EASTER SPECIAL MUSIC:** We intend to sing the Hallelujah Chorus again on Easter morning, and are inviting instrumentalists to join us. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the hallway by Sunday, March 5, so we can arrange for sheet music for you. We will rehearse starting at 6:15 PM on Monday, April 3. There will also be an optional instrumental rehearsal on Monday, March 27 at 6:15 PM.

### **SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER ON MARCH 12**

As part of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will welcome the Rev. Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe (Anne Rankin's mother) as our guest preacher on March 12. Rev. Hambrick-Stowe served as our associate pastor with Pastor Geisler from 1989-1990. Upon Pastor Geisler's death in 1989, Elizabeth served as supply pastor until Pastor Royer began his ministry in February of 1990.



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**PINOCHLE**

**1:30 PM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**Dates:** Friday, March 17/  
Thursday, April 13/ Thursday, May 11

All you have to do is sign up in the hallway near church office and bring a snack or drink to share. We're happy to teach players new to Pinochle.

### **KNIT IN GOD'S LOVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl will meet **Tuesday, March 21 from 1:00-3:00 PM**. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.



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or pick up plant:  Yes  No

**The last date to order is March 9, 2023.** Give order forms and payment to the church office, or place in the offering plate. If paying by check, please make it payable to Trinity United Church of Christ. Thank you.