

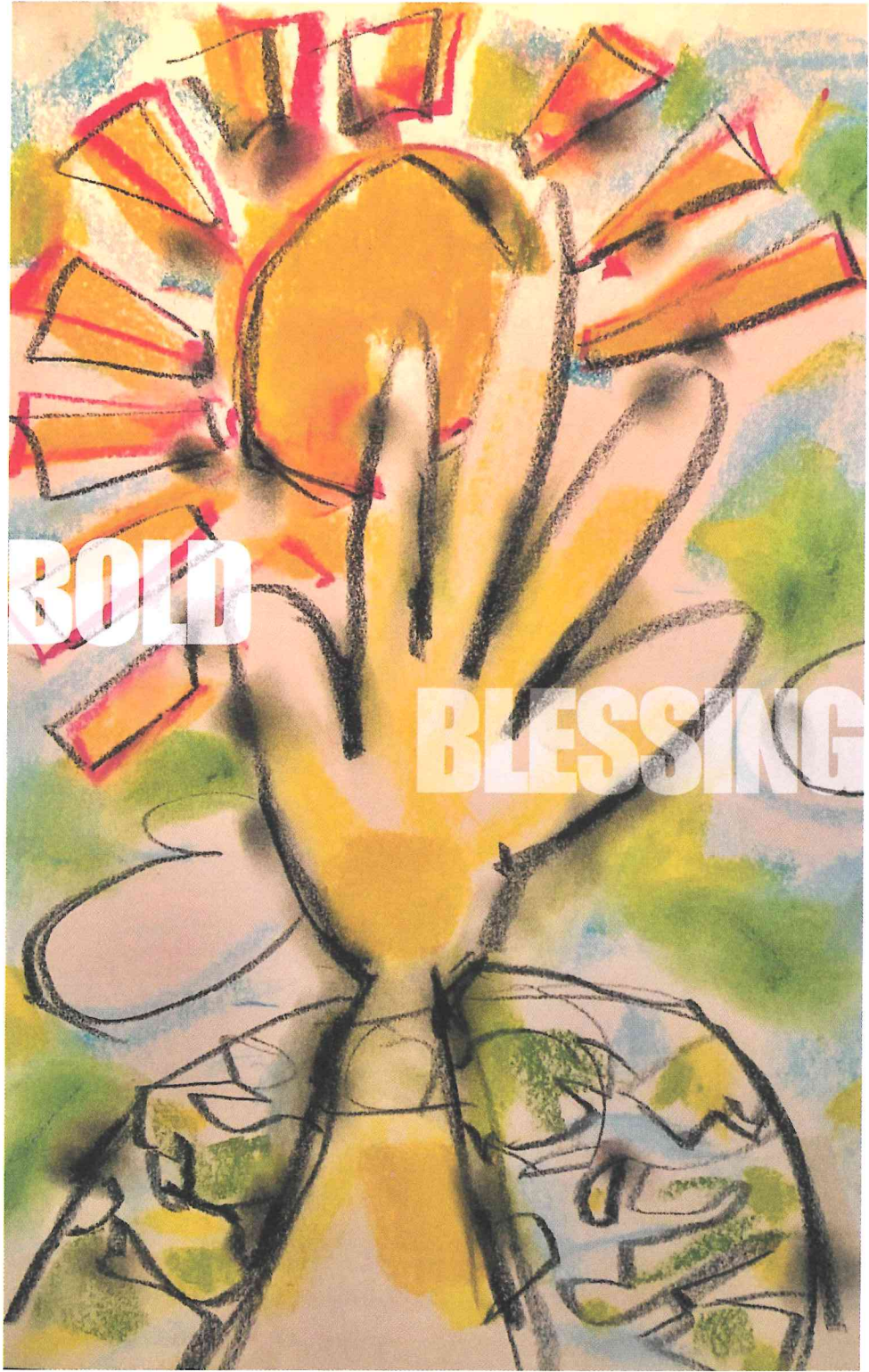


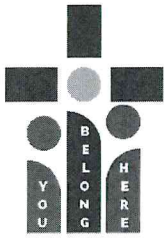
Trinity United Church of Christ of Collegeville

East Main Street Collegeville or www.collegeville.church

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM ONSITE and ONLINE (live at tinyurl.com/trinf)

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WELCOME TO TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF COLLEGEVILLE

Many churches say everyone is welcome. We mean it. Whether you are a lifelong churchgoer or someone who hasn't stepped inside a church in years — or ever — and regardless of your economic situation, skin color, ethnicity, ability, immigration status, marital status, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression — you are welcome at this church.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey: You are welcome here. Period.

NEW OR FIRST TIME HERE? We're so glad you came! If you have questions, need anything, or would like us to reach out, put a note into the offering plate or let an usher or greeter know.

YOUNG DISCIPLES. We love having children in worship — wiggles, giggles, and all! Activity pads are available from our greeters, who can also answer questions about Sunday School and quiet spaces for little ones. We're glad your family is here!

WHO WE ARE

Following Jesus' call to love God and neighbor, we covenant to, in all things, practice GRACE:

G	Grateful Hearts (<i>1 Thessalonians 5:18</i>) We are grateful for this community, for grace as we grow and learn together, and for one another's differences — which we embrace as gifts that strengthen us.
R	Respectful Relationships (<i>1 Thessalonians 5:11</i>) – We build each other up and treat each other with respect and love. We honor each person's gifts and participation. We are hard on problems and gentle with people.
A	Authentic Communication (<i>Ephesians 4:25</i>) – We talk to each other and not about each other, gently redirecting if someone brings a concern about another person. We don't gossip or triangulate. We assume good intentions.
C	Compassionate Understanding (<i>Ephesians 4:32</i>) - We listen to understand, not to judge or fix. We seek to truly hear each other's perspectives, recognizing that different viewpoints help us all see more clearly. We stay curious rather than certain.
E	Embracing Unity (<i>Ephesians 4:3</i>) - We are rooted in Christ's love and committed to what unites us. We trust God works through our community in both agreement and disagreement, drawing us ever closer together. We choose love over being right.

Nobody gets this right all the time — including us. When we fall short, we commit to working things out the way Jesus taught us: face to face, with grace, involving others only as needed, and always with love as the goal.

Order of Worship

March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent

(* Indicates that the congregation may stand, L=Leder, Bold and/or C=Congregation)

PRELUDE	WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS	WAYNE L. WOLD
WELCOME		PASTOR SUZANNE
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	NCH 311 RENEW YOUR CHURCH	Vs. 1,2,4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Some of us come here certain. Some of us come here questioning.

C: **Most of us are somewhere in between.**

L: We come with our carefully built lives and our midnight doubts.

C: **And God says: come anyway.**

L: Come in the dark. Come with your questions. There is room here for all of it.

ALL: **We don't need to have it figured out to show up. We just need to show up.
So here we are. Come, let us worship our God.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The invitation of Lent is not to feel bad about ourselves but to be honest with God.
Let us confess to a God who is not keeping score, but who already knows and loves us
anyway.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, we confess that we hold on too tightly — to what we think we know,
to who we think we are, to the version of faith we've built that keeps things
manageable. We come to you with our careful questions and our guarded hearts,
not quite ready to let go of the answers we already have. Forgive us, and help us
trust you with what we don't yet understand. Amen.**

(Moment of silent contemplation, confession, and prayer.)

KYRIE (RESPONSIVE) NCH 750 (LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US, CHRIST..., LORD...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear this: God so loves the world — and you. As you are, where you are, today. In
Christ, you are forgiven and you are free.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.** (Share a sign of peace — a nod, wave, or word to your neighbor)

*HYMN OF FAITH NCH 417 THIS IS THE DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS Vs. 1,2,3

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON, LED BY READER)

God, these are ancient words. Help us hear them as if for the first time. Open something in us that was closed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS	HEBREW SCRIPTURE	GENESIS 12:1-4A	OT pg 10 in Pew Bible
	GOSPEL	JOHN 3:1-17	NT pg 93 in Pew Bible

SERMON **BORN AGAIN, BORN ANEW** **PASTOR SUZANNE**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** **W&S 3109** **LIVING SPIRIT, HOLY FIRE (ENCLOSED)** **ALL**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND RESPONSE (#501 – BLUE HYMNAL)

Response: **Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord; And grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*We give not as people who have arrived, but as people on the way —
trusting that what we offer becomes part of something larger than
ourselves.*




(PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR GIVE ONLINE USING THE QR CODE)

OFFERTORY **LAMB OF GOD** **TWILA PARIS/LARSON** **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Your Gift of love, they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The Humble King, the named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God
Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God
Oh wash me in Your precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God
I was so lost, I should have died
But you have brought me to Your side
To be lead by Your staff and rod
And to be called a Lamb of God

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** **My Gratitude, Now Accept**



My grat-it---tude now ac--cept, O God, for ten-der care that you pro----vide;
Re-ceive this of-----fer---ing I bring gifts from the heart ac----cept

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)**

God, receive these gifts as an act of trust. We don't give because we have it all figured out — we give because we believe you are at work in this community and in this world. Use what we offer. And use us. Amen.

***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

***CLOSING HYMN** **NCH 63** **HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DEVINE** **ALL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION

L: This service has ended, yours has begun. Go out into the world with curiosity and eyes wide open! The God who met you here will meet you there too. Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Congregational Response: Let the People Say Amen** John Michael Talbot, arr. Rudolph



***POSTLUDE** **OUR GREAT SAVIOR (HYFRYDOL)** **ROWLAND A. PRICHARD**

Lenten Services – All at 7:30pm

March 4	Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins	Evansburg UMC
March 11	Rev. Andrew L. Weber	Thomas Paine UUA
March 18	Rev. Suzanne Schwarz-Green	Trinity UCC of Collegeville
March 25	Lenten Music	Augustus Lutheran Church

Practice of Becoming

This week, sit with one thing you've always been certain about — in your faith, in yourself, in how the world works. You don't have to abandon it. Just hold it loosely enough to ask: is there something new trying to get in? Stay in the conversation. Be curious. Let the wind move.

Living Spirit, Holy Fire

3109



1. Liv - ing Spir - it, ho - ly fire, burn - ing bright to light our
2. Warm us, draw your peo - ple near when our love draws weak or
3. Melt a - way the masks we wear, hid - ing what we know and
4. O - pen hearts; af - firm us all, man - y - splen - dored, one in



way, blaze a - mong us and in - spire lives that
cold. Free our fro - zen hearts from fear, that each
feel. Risk - ing growth, we want to share love in
you, we em - brace the work, the call: you are



praise you day by day.
sto - ry may be told.
ac - tion, love that's real.
mak - ing all things new.

WORDS: Ruth Duck
MUSIC: Lori True

ALL THINGS NEW
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Lenten Study

Monday March 2 at 6pm via Zoom

Book: Hard to Dance with the
Devil on Your Back

ISBN:978-1-4267-1004-9

Meeting ID: 6104894223 Password: Trinity

Read pages 19-26 for meeting

*Mat. 5:13-16; Luke 11:1-4; Mark 12:28-34**Kenneth L. Cober, 1960; alt.*

1 Re - new your church, its min - is - tries re - store: both to serve
 2 Teach us your word, re - veal its truth di - vine; on our path
 3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near; your still voice
 4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all—

and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,
 let it shine. Tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace;
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you;
 hu - man-kind! Break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate;

and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows
 from each page show your face. As you have sent your
 this is life, full and true. Be - fore your pres - ence
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and

of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O
 Christ to save, in love to tri - umph o'er the grave, O
 keep us still that we may find for us your will And
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, Your



send us forth with power en-dued. Help us, God, be re - newed.
let our hearts with love be stirred. Help us, God, know your word.
seek your guid - ance ev - ery day. Teach us, God, how to pray.
grace we must be mind-ful of: Teach us, God, how to love.



This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -

bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

Living Spirit, Holy Fire

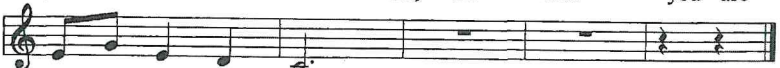
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way, blaze a - mong us and in - spire lives that
 cold. Free our fro - zen hearts from fear, that each
 feel. Risk - ing growth, we want to share love in
 you, we em - brace the work, the call: you are



praise you day by day.
 sto - ry may be told.
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 mak - ing all things new.

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Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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Samuel Longfellow, 1864; alt.



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine.
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine.
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, law di - vine, reign with - in this soul of mine.



Voice of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it from its night.
 Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire, pu - ri - fy me with your fire.
 Bold - ly may I al - ways live, brave - ly serve, and glad - ly give.
 Be my law, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Louis Moreau Gottschalk was the first American musician to be acclaimed at home and abroad as a virtuoso pianist and gifted composer, often incorporating folk and popular tunes into his own concert music. Mercy was arranged from his piano composition, "The Last Hope."

Tune: MERCY 7.7.7.

Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1867

Arr. Edwin Parker, 1888



JOIN US FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

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UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

COUNCIL MEETING March 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM in Hendricks Room

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES –7:30 PM, see bulletin for more info, Services

COFFEE & CONVERSATION- March 15 after worship, followed by **GAME DAY**. Come for fellowship and fun! You may bring a favorite game to play – and bring a friend, too!

EASTER EGG HUNT – March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday after worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL – March 8 and 22 after worship

RECURRING CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS/MEETINGS AT TRINITY

Rehearsals – Thursdays @ 6PM Bell Choir and at 7PM Chancel Choir

Progressive Women's Alliance of Montgomery County, Mondays @7 PM in Hendricks

12-Step Meetings - NA Sundays @ 6:30 PM, AA Fridays @ 7:30 PM in Hendricks Room

Boy Scouts – Wednesdays @ 7PM in Hendricks Room

Girl Scouts – 1st & 3rd Monday in Hendricks and Freeland Lounge

THANK YOU

Reader: Linda Jessup

Ushers/Greeters: Linda Augustine & Fred Schuetz

Flowers are given in honor of Trinity's Dearly Departed

To sponsor flowers email flowers@collegeville.church or contact the office

Prayer Box for the Week of March 1, 2026

Please include the following individuals/causes to your daily prayers this week and also let us know if prayers need added or removed:

Special Requests: Jennifer M. (niece of Jim G.) • Alice Golassi (Aunt of Robert R) • Shannon C. • Owen and family (friends of Bev A.) • Peggy S. (Dianne S.'s mother in law) • Mike (son-in-law of Joan Auch) • Carson (Chris W. colleague) • George D. • Nancy • Susan (Sister of Cindy G) • Janet B.

Ongoing Prayer Needs: Joan R. • Hubie B. • Ruth F. • Audrey S. • Glenn D. • Cliff P. • Jeanne B. • Ben and Jess. (Beth Z. godson and wife) • Josh (family of Deb S' friends) • Leslie H • Maria L. (mother of Nicole P.) • Jane D. • Nicole P.

Bold Blessing

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. — John 3:16

Twenty-seven words. That's all John uses to tell us about this life of faith. It's short, sweet and powerful. So much so that German Reformer Martin Luther labeled the 27 words "the heart of the Bible, the Gospel in miniature."

But could it really be that simple?

I asked that question once when I found myself singing a Vacation Bible School song about John 3:16 in front of 20 sugared-up children. As I belted out the biblical truth about God loving the world — complete with the choral refrain "he is the truth, the way, the life" — I wondered what those words would mean someday to the little voices that joined me off key.

Would remembering God's limitless love for them be the very thing that would save them? And how many would go beyond the way-too commercialized Gospel soundbite of John 3:16 to grapple alongside Nicodemus, the educated Pharisee who was told by Jesus that "no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above?"

While it would be wonderful for 27 words to be the Gospel in miniature, we know there's more to this life of faith. There are dark nights of the soul as well as glorious epiphanies.

Through it all, we question God's love more often than we like to admit, and we find it down right frightening to surrender to the Spirit. As Jesus explained to Nicodemus it is the second birth of the Spirit, not flesh, that will help us see a bit better the reign of God. But the Spirit, Jesus says, will blow where it chooses.

And that is okay. Really. Read my words again. It is okay to allow the Spirit to blow you in the God direction. Go to the unknown and unwelcomed places knowing that as you are guided by the Spirit. God's bold blessing is forever with you. That is the blessing of a love so strong and steadfast that no harm will ever come to you.

Now that's the song I wish I belted out for those children at Vacation Bible School — a song of being born in the Spirit and of living unafraid of life's twisting and changing paths, for there's always an abundance of God's redemptive love for them — and for you.

Loving and merciful God, on this second Sunday in Lent may we feel the Spirit winds whipping in our lives, leading us to be born again into new creations that are awakened to the never-ending God opportunities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ and author of today's Sunday Bulletin.)

