

# Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

March 22, 2026

9:30am

Lent 5: The Free Way

*If you have a prayer request today, please fill out the card in your pew rack and hand it to an usher during the offering.*

Prelude

Welcome/Call to Worship

Hymn "People Need the Lord" TFWS 2244

Prayer for the Path

**All: Our God who is our Home, be with us on The Way.**

**At times we aren't sure about the relationship of the road we travel and the home we seek. Will we ever feel like we have arrived?**

**We come hoping for the hearth of acceptance in the home that Jesus promises, and we come asking for help in lightening the load, so that we can be free to move in new directions. Amen.**

Hymn "Just as I Am" (verses 1-3, 6) Hymnal 357

Kids' Time Pastor Leigh

Scripture Luke 15:11-32

Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" (verses 1-3) Hymnal 377

Message Pastor Leigh

Ritual of Letting Go Philippians 3:12-16

Prayer: **God, there are times when I feel hopeless and afraid.**

**I become confused and unsure as to how to face the next moment.**

**What difference does my life make in the midst of such a vast universe  
Sometimes the thought of my own death stirs up feelings of doubt and uncertainty. I feel as though I am on a treadmill, rather than moving toward a destination. May this stone, a symbol of my efforts on the pilgrimage, represent the burdens I have carried, and my willingness to give those burdens to you, knowing that you walk with me as I move forward. Amen.**

Offering

Doxology "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" TFWS 2195

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn "Hymn of Promise" Hymnal 707

Blessing

Postlude

## Holy Trinity's Reconciling Statement

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church follows God's directive to love all and welcome all with open arms. We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

### Worship Leaders

**Pastor:** Rev. Leigh Brown

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**Choir Director:** Randi Erlandson

**Bell Choir Director:** Kay Petterson

**Pianist/Vocalist:** Randi Erlandson

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**Liturgist:** Dan Stanley

**Ushers:** Pat and Paula Green

**Greeters:** Carol and Keith Ottoson

**Fellowship Hosts:** Becky Brown/Barb Svedahl

**Kids' Church:** Nursery Only

### This Week:

Monday, Mar. 23	2-6pm 7:00pm	Hope Café and Pantry Al-Anon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, Mar. 24	2-6pm 7:00pm	Hope Café and Pantry Codependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Mar. 25	3:00pm 4:00pm 5:15pm 6:00pm	Coffee & Ice Cream at Culver's (all are welcome) Bells Rehearsal Soup Supper Movie Study ( <i>The Way</i> )
Thursday, Mar. 26	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Mar. 29	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream



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### Prayer Requests:

Collan and Heather Zehnder—Collan's brother Lane's cancer has returned, friend Robin just had surgery to remove a tumor

Maia—friend Julie's mom whose cancer has returned

Vic Noer—friend Craig Cooper passed away

Rene—neighbor Roger had a serious injury, families of those who died serving our country

Don Oram—Ruth Horn, long-term Holy Trinity member, passed away

Kay Petterson—brother-in-law Chuck Petterson suffered a heart attack and passed away

German and Noer Families—celebrated Lilia's 2nd birthday on February 24

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