



Offering Link

**ONE GREAT HOUR  
OF SHARING**

March  
15

Mark your calendar for April 5 and join us for our Annual Easter Breakfast! Full details will be shared soon, so be sure to watch our Facebook page, eNews, Sunday bulletin, and website for all the delicious details. We cannot wait to gather around the table together! 🍷🌸🌿

Easter Flower order forms have arrived! 🐣 You can find them on the table beneath the Outer Narthex TV. Please return your completed form with payment to Joi in the church office by **March 9** so we can place our bulk order with the greenhouse on time. If you are submitting your order on a Sunday, simply place your completed form in the offering plate with your payment tucked securely inside, or slide it through the slot at the front office window. Let's fill our sanctuary with blooms that sing of Easter morning! 🌸🌿

Join us on **April 18** for our **Annual Shrimp Boil and Silent Auction!** This fun evening of food and fellowship helps support our **Back Bay Mission Trip.** Tickets are available in the **front office**, so be sure to stop by and get yours. We hope you will make plans to attend and support this meaningful mission! 🍷🌿

**This Week at Trinity**  
*Breakfast Program 8:30a-9:30a*  
*Monday - Friday*  
**Monday, March 16**  
7pm AA Group  
**Tuesday, March 17**  
12pm Lenten Bible Study  
**Wednesday, March 18**  
11:30am Women's Lunch  
@ Mariola Italian  
4:30-7pm C.A.T  
6pm Book Study w/Rev. Franklin  
6:30pm AA Group  
**Thursday, March 19**  
5:30-6:30pm Choir  
7-8pm Bells  
7pm NA Group  
**Friday, March 20**  
11am Knit, Pray and Crochet  
**Saturday, March 21**  
**Sunday, March 22**  
8am ACT on Zoom  
9:15am Kid's Sunday School  
10:30am Worship

**Please Sign up to serve on Sunday morning! Usher, greet, provide coffee hour, or be a reader. If you sign up for altar flowers, please let the office know if the flowers are given for a special celebration in honor or in memory of someone so that it may be included in the bulletin.**

# Trinity United Church of Christ



*If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care or prayer support, please reach out to the church office. Whether you're facing a difficult time or simply need someone to talk to, we're here to offer care, comfort, and prayer.*

**Wayne County Care Center:** Bob Chizmadia  
**Danbury:** Irene Winner, Dot Blum, Lucy Baus  
**Westview Manor:** Janet Landers, Becky Grindstaff  
**Ravines at Taylor:** Joanne Orr



**Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin**, Senior Minister  
**Suzanne Feltner**, Faith Formation and Arts Director  
**Luke Tegtmeier**, Organist  
**Phil Starr/Jack Senn** Business Managers  
**Joi Griffith**, Administrative Assistant  
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**Office Hours - Monday - Friday 9:30a -3:00p**  
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**March 15, 2026 - 10:30am**  
Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin  
We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship today.  
The \* is to stand.  
**The bold print is Unison.**

**Layreader:** Joan Cooper  
**Ushers:** Joanne Leaman/Jeff & Julie Vizzo  
**Flowers:** Jeff & Julie Vizzo  
**Coffee:** Suzanne Feltner

**Dates for your Calendar:**  
March 18 - Women's Lunch @Mariola Italian 11:30a  
March 27 - Fellowship Friday 7-9p  
March 31 - Mission Team Meeting on zoom 5:15p  
Book Study w/ Rev. Franklin every Wednesday 6p  
April 5 - Easter Breakfast 9-10a  
April 18 - Shrimp Boil 5-7p

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Prelude: César Franck

Prayers of the People

Welcome and Announcements/Share the Good News, and Joys /Passing of Peace

Call to Worship:

Leader 1: Some days, it's hard to recognize the signs, when what we have come to know and rely on is ablaze and everything looks like ashes.

Leader 2: Do you not know what the Holy One can do with ashes?

All: **Then the Earth-maker knelt down and formed humanity from the dust of the ground, and breath breathed new life.**

Leader 1: Some days, it's difficult to believe the signs, when truths are erased and buried and there is nothing left to witness but the bare dirt.

Leader 2: Do you not know what the Holy One can do with dirt?

All: **Then the Pain-bearer spat in the dirt and made mud spreading it on the man's eyes and visions appeared of a new day rising.**

Leader 1: Some days, it feels impossible to embrace the signs, so we come together to pay attention, and seek, and be changed

Leader 2: finding our grounding in the ashes that were once stars in the dirt that holds galaxies in the mud that birthed our bones and breath.

All: **Then the Life-giver who made safe ground in the middle of the sea said: See I am doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it? And a way was made out of no way toward hope.**

Invocation: (Drawn from "Open Unto Me" a prayer by Howard Thurman)

**Open unto us, hope for our despair. Open unto us, dreams for our dread.**

**Open unto us, courage for our fear. Open unto us, vision for our skepticism.**

**Open unto us, wisdom for our confusion. Open unto us, love for our hates.**

**Open unto us, Your heart for our hearts. O God, our God, open unto us. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" NCH#197

Children's Message

Scripture: Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

<sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Sermon: "Restoration"

World Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love" NCH#498

Prayer/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.**

Invitation to Generosity: Maybe today you're spent. Maybe it feels like you have nothing else to give. Maybe you are emptied out, bent over, barely making it. Maybe you feel like dirt, dust, ashes. Beloved, do you not know what the Holy can do with dust? Even from spit and mud, God creates new dreams and new visions. So let us discover what abundance emerges when whatever we have finds its way into the hands of grace.

Offertory: Robert Hobby - "The King of Love"

Offertory Response: NCH#780 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: Into a world desperate for signs of hope, **let these gifts arrive as beacons.** Into communities working for signs of freedom, **let these gifts unlock shackles.** Into hearts searching for signs of compassion, **let these gifts offer tenderness.** Into each breath yearning for signs of new life, **let these gifts come as possibility. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" NCH#252

Benediction: The disciples asked, whose fault is it? This is not a story about sin, Jesus replies. It is a story about what is being revealed. **Let this revelation be our blessing.** The neighbors asked if it's really him, if it's really possible? This is not a story about blindness, the healed one replies. It is a story about signs and dreams and what the light shines through. **Let these signs be our blessing.** The leaders asked, he can't be the one, can he? This is not a story about the one we've been waiting for, the healed one replies. It is a story about how all of us are part of the new day rising. **Let all of us be our blessing.** The teacher asked, do you believe? This is not a story about creeds, the healed one replies. It is a story about testifying to the love you witness. **Let this testimony to love be our blessing and we be the witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.**