

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Then the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

Many: **Come, beloveds, into the wilderness of our heartbreaking and troubled days.**

Leader: In the midst of our hunger for comfort, provoked by lies of scarcity,

Many: **this Lent journey promises bread and abundance.**

Leader: In the midst of our longing for safety, enticed by promises of security,

Many: **this Lent journey promises angels and costly solidarity.**

Leader: In the midst of our clinging to power, lured by the ease of complicity,

Many: **this Lent journey promises prayer and turning around.**

One: The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

Many: **Come, beloveds, to worship, venturing deeper and deeper into the wilderness of our broken and beautiful world.**

In the wilderness and the wandering and the weariness, **lead us, Holy Spirit.** In the hungering and the holding and the humbling, **accompany us, Holy Spirit.** In the tempting and the testing and the turning, **move us, Holy Spirit.** In the resisting and the refusing and the recognizing, **guide us, Holy Spirit. Ground in us, as we ground in you. Breathe with us, as we breathe with you. Turn with us, as we turn toward you. As the new way emerges, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN

“Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days” NCH#211

Lord Jesus, who through forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion-tide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death, O Christ, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Annual Meeting ☞ Coffee Shoppe Worship

Trinity United Church of Christ
“Embracing and Celebrating God’s Love”
150 East North Street
Wooster, Ohio 44691

February 22, 2026

SCRIPTURE

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” **4** Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” **5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. **6** “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” **7** Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” **8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. **9** “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” **10** Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” **11** Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

MESSAGE

“Amazing Grace”

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

The season of Lent invites us to take stock of and deepen our spiritual practices. How might God be inviting you to deepen your spiritual practice of generosity in this season? Let us offer whatever gifts we have to resist the tempter’s lies of scarcity and turn toward abundant life and flourishing for all.

OFFERTORY

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Jesus resisted the tempter’s lies of scarcity by remembering we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. **To these sacred stories, this holy work, these blessed words, we dedicate ourselves and our offerings. Amen.**

ANNUAL MEETING TIME

CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace” NCH#547

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

*BENEDICTION

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THE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. It channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response, administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources. Trinity UCC will receive this offering March 15, 2026. You can donate on the church's website, or use the special offering envelopes in the pews or your offering envelope packet.



Thank you Dale Angerman and John Muskopf for the placement of our new emergency defibrillator in the entry way.



Mark your calendars for April 18 at 5:00 PM! We'll gather in Fellowship Hall for a fun evening of food and fellowship at our Shrimp Boil.

Tickets are available in the church office Monday-Friday 10a-3p. All are welcome!



Easter Flower order forms are ready! They are located on the table under the tv in the Outer Narthex. Order form are due to the office by March 9th.

This Week at Trinity

Breakfast Program 8:30a-9:30a

Monday - Friday

Monday, February 23

7pm AA Group

Tuesday, February 24

12pm Bible Study

Wednesday, February 25

10am Quilters

4:30-7pm C.A.T

6:30pm Book Study

w/ Rev. Franklin

6:30pm AA Group

Thursday, February 26

5:30-6:30 Choir

7-8pm Bells

7pm NA Group

Friday, February 27

11am Knit, Pray and Crochet

7-9pm Fellowship Friday

Game Night

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, March 1

9:15am Kid's Sunday School

10:30 Worship