

Welcome to Church of Christ - March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent & Children's Sunday
We are honored to worship God with you today!

Welcome

Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!

Prelude *The Wanderer* - H. Beethoven ~Nancy Herzig, flute

Call to Worship (adapted from Ps. 51) ~Nels White

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love.

People: **Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities,
 and cleanse us from our sin.**

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being;
 teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

People: **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Hymn 254 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; O, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

Vs 2 Jesus prayed for his disciples; he prayed alone for you and me. O, nobody else could bear such sorrow; he prayed alone for you and me.

Vs 3 Jesus died on Calvary's mountain; he died alone for you and me. O, nobody else could die for sinners; he had to die for you and me.

Vs 4 Jesus rose from death's dark prison; he lives again for you and me. O, nobody else could bring us vict'ry; he is alive to set us free.

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)

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 trespasses (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (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.

A Time for All God's Children

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14

~Nels White

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Sermon

"Lent Five - Fools for Christ: Humble"

Light of Service

The Community Kitchen of Torrington

~Moss Mansell

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

Offertory

Jesus, So Lowly - H. Friedell

Doxology (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 264

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tower o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Vs 2 When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

Vs 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Vs 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that thro' all time abide.

Our Common Commission

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in A minor* ("The Little") - J. S. Bach

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

We gladly list these prayer concerns and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).

Members needing our prayers:

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Hope Childs, Linda Creedon, Bill Eckert, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Ann Thew, John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim, Susannah, Katie B., Chris, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), Nancy Foster (Olsen family friend), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Deryl, D'Ari, Amaya, Linden Godshall (Liz Allyn), Yael Channah Greene (Olsen family friend), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Matthew and Allan Marrero (Michael McDermott's friend), Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family, Nash Pradhan, Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Mark Scarbrough (Elizabeth Norman), Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Karen Stark (Debbie Storrs), Ryan Sterba, Wendy Sullenberger (Liz Allyn), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Chris Williams (friend of Bethany Lee), Keegan Zygmont

Those who are grieving,

the families of:

Denis Combes, Ernest Dibble, Jimmy Dietlin, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, John Marinelli, Remington McCaw, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Bill Patrick, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie

In the wider community

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, and all enduring ongoing violence, The people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, The Community Kitchen of Torrington (at Trinity Episcopal Church)