

Tryon United Methodist Church

11:00 A.M. Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

Let the chiming of the hour be the signal for that reverent silence which is the beginning of worship.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Pam McNeil, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Hiley

PRELUDE

Meditation

Pam McNeil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP (*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*)

Rev. Michael Bailey

Come, all ye faithful ...

to worship, praise, and pray.

Come, all ye unfaithful ...

for God's love welcomes us home.

Come into the presence of Christ ...

for Christ's grace makes us new and whole.

GREETING

Rev. Michael Bailey

PRAYER OF LENTEN CONFESSION (*UMC General Board of Discipleship*)

Rev. Michael Bailey

God, we admit that we are prone to try to hide our sins; to keep our mouths shut and hope we are not found out. But there is no place to hide from you. Our silence only makes us sick in body and spirit. But you delight in forgiving us and in covering our sin. You are glad when we confess our failings and our needs. Hide us, O God, from trouble; teach us the way we should go. Deliver us from our own stubbornness, and draw us near, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Michael Bailey

You are members of God's beloved community. Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

As we pass the peace of Christ, greet one another in ways you feel are healthy and comfortable for you.

*HYMN

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

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*PSALTER

Psalm 32: v1-5 (UMH 766)

Nancy Hiley

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; then you forgave the guilt of my sin.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39 (UMH 887) Nancy Hiley

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels or principalities,

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 70)

Congregation

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Michael Bailey

We set aside this time for Children's Moment when we have children with us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Bailey

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespass*)

Rev. Michael Bailey

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, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*UMC General Board of Discipleship*)

Rev. Michael Bailey

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like the prodigal, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace.

As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us from you and one another and

help us see the rainbow of your promise even in our struggles. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Close to Thee

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15: 1-32

Nancy Hiley

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

¹¹Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

What is Your Role In The Family?

Rev. Michael Bailey

*CLOSING HYMN

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Bailey

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Pam McNeil, organ

***Please stand as you are able.**

We welcome interim pastor Rev. Michael F. Bailey to our congregation this morning.

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PRAYER LIST 3/30/2025

Pray for: Rockie Alexander, Anna, Ron Bennett, Davis Blackwelder, Bill Bowman, Carl Brooks, Terrye Broyhill, Walter, Hilary & Mars Bunn, Layne and Brady Burlison, Margaret Cannon, Rhonda Carpenter, The Cashion Family, Cathy, Liz Chase, Michelle Chromey, Betty Cochran, Breanna Cochran, Eilidh Coull, Janet Cowen, Diane, Dona Jean Dacey, Joshua Dacey, Mark Dacey, Sandra Forney, Roy Greene & Family, Jennifer & Percy Hargett, Ben Harvey, Bobby Henson, Charlie Jones, Julia and Chris, Judy, Juliet, Laron "Kelly" Lumpkin, Maria, Maureen, Miriam McClure, Jerry Miller, Dell Morgan, Ashley Mould, Betty Neal, Family of Diane Pace, Salley Parker, David Ross Palmer, Everett Palmer, Alice Payne, Rita Pennypacker & family, Rev. Dr. Mark Ralls, Bob Reynolds, Stephen Sacks, Cindy Shouck, Richard Tendam, Bill Vehorn, George Wallace, Hal Wishon, Belinda Yarborough and the family of Jesse Yarborough

Armed Forces Prayer List: Ruairidh (Rory) Coull, Landon Farley, James F. Henson Jr., Harrison Turnage

Continued prayers for:

–All who are dealing with devastation and loss after the local wildfires, Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and other natural disasters. Pray for all of the helpers who are working to restore power and provide clothing, shelter and assistance.

–The people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Haiti and all places experience conflicts and war. Pray for there to be peace and for war to cease. Pray for leaders to seek wisdom. Pray for an end to violence and bloodshed. Pray for all people in all nations to seek and to be instruments of peace.

-Unspoken requests for our families and friends who may need prayer support, who are going through various life transitions, who have loved ones with physical or mental health issues, those in abusive relationships.

- For those in need of treatment for depression/anxiety.

- For those who grieve for loved ones who have passed.

- Those who are in transition and contemplating lifestyle changes - moving, retiring, furthering their education.

--Gratitude for the Comfort Shawl ladies who provide shawls for so many.

-Prayers for families in domestic violence situations

-Caregivers needing help caregiving and for all receiving health care treatment.

--Caregivers of little children, adult children, parents and friends.

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