

CeLTic Evensonz and Communion
TRINITY United Methodist Church
FEBRUARY 22, 2026, 5 P.M.



Welcome and Opening

In the quiet of this evening, God gathers us in.

We come with open hearts, seeking mercy and peace.

From dust we were formed, and to God we return.

God meets us not with judgment, but with steadfast love.

This is the season of walking slowly,
of listening deeply,
of turning again toward Christ.

We walk the quiet way, trusting God beside us.

Come, let us worship in stillness and hope.

For the light of Christ is already among us.

Unison Prayer

Eternal God,

as evening quiets our hearts,

draw us gently into your presence.

At the beginning of this Lenten journey,
turn us away from hurry and distraction,
and lead us back to your love.

Create in us a listening stillness,
a humble remembering that we are dust,
and a living hope in your mercy.

Walk with us in the days ahead,
and guide us toward the light of Christ
that no darkness can overcome.

Make this hour a place of peace,
and shape our lives in your way of love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence

UMH 626

Reading of Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Prayers of Intercession, and Candle Lighting

(Led by the Pastor; during the prayer, worshipers are invited to come forward and light a candle as an expression of prayers for healing and hope. Instrumental music will be played during this time.)

Scripture Reading – Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Word of God, for us, the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection / Devotion

Walking the Quiet Way

Taehwan Roh

Music for Meditation

Be Still and Know

arr. Hayes

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

The Rite of Communion

The table of bread and cup has been made ready. It is a table of companionship with Jesus, and with all those who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus found fellowship. It is the table of communion with the earth, to which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who often partake of this sacrament, and you who do so seldom; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who

† Please rise in body or spirit.

have failed. Come. It is Christ himself who invites us to meet him here this day.

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God,
for you have brought forth bread from the earth.
Blessed are you, O God,
for you have created the fruit of the vine.

In the beginning you watered the earth that all might have food and drink. You gave bread to your servants Sarah and Abraham to sustain their family on their journey. You called Moses and the Hebrew people out of bondage and nourished them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Joseph their daily bread to share. And here at your table you offer us bread and drink for the journey, to nourish us as sons and daughters on our journey with Jesus to the cross.

And so with all our sisters and brothers, before us and beside us, near and far, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Glory be to you, O God most high. Among friends who gathered round the table, Jesus took bread and, having blessed it, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

So, now, following Jesus' example, in this season of remembrance and repentance, we take this bread and this drink; the ordinary things of the world through which God will and does bless us. And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, we celebrate your goodness in the person of our Lord, Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what he did in an upstairs room. We remember that he has given his body, and shed his own blood, that we might be nourished and bound together, to seek and to find the Light that endures in our darkened world.

Breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of ordinary things, that they may be heaven's food for us, renewing, sustaining and completing us, that we may be your Body on earth, loving and caring for the world.

Behold, the bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world, the gifts of God for the people of God.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior has taught us, so we pray:

God's love reaches out to us

Our Father in heaven

This place is sacred ground

Hallowed be your name

May our lives reflect God's glory

Your kingdom come
May our thoughts reflect God's thoughts
Your will be done
We long for deep peace:
On earth as it is in heaven.
Love blesses life, knowing earth will provide.
Give us this day our daily bread
Where love falls short:
Forgive our sins
Let justice prevail.
As we forgive those who sin against us
Prevent the chaos that leads to wrong-doing:
Lead us not into temptation
For grace is strong where freedom is found.
And deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Prayer after Communion

Christ's food in our bodies
Our food shared like his
Christ's life in our hands
Our lives shaped by his
Christ's love in our hearts
Our love enlivened through his
Christ's peace on our path
Our path following his
These things we ask, Lord!
Amen.

Music during Communion	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Shackley
Closing Hymn	<i>Take Time to Be Holy</i>	UMH 395

Blessing

May the quiet mercy of God walk beside you in the days ahead.
May Christ, who met us in the wilderness, lead you with gentle courage through every unknown road.
May the Holy Spirit give you stillness in your heart, strength in your weakness, and hope that does not fade.
And until we meet again, may you know that you are held in the love of God—
this night, this season, and always.
Amen.

Postlude	<i>Quietude</i>	Smith
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