

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
2nd Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



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Sign-In and Out Log**

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Autumn Boyer

Prelude

**Welcome and Announcements
Chiming the Trinity**

Call to Worship—Psalm 121

I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

**²My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³God won't let your foot slip.

Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

**⁴No! Israel's protector
never sleeps or rests!**

**⁵The LORD is your protector;
the LORD is your shade right beside you.**

**⁶The sun won't strike you during the day;
neither will the moon at night.**

**⁷The LORD will protect you from all evil;
God will protect your very life.**

**⁸The LORD will protect you on your journeys—
whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.**

Prayer of Confession—Feasting on the Word

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Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be open to the mysterious movement of the Spirit and be born anew into the life of Christ, trusting in You. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

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Friends, God is for us and is with us. For that reason, God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe in the good news, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Peace of Christ

At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace.

† **Opening Hymn**

“Gather Us In”

TFWS 2236

† **Hymn**

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH 369

Prayer for Illumination—Feasting on the Word

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God of signs, wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-21

Jan Schwarze

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

† **The Offering**

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH 159



The Doxology (to the tune on UMH 95)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit
One. Amen.

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† **The Doxology**

Sermon

Rev. Tobi Nguyen

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Rachel Randall

Presiding

Please follow along in your hymnals by turning to UMH 15-16

Receiving the Bread and the Cup of Christ

Prayer Following Receiving Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† *Closing Song* “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH 103

† *Benediction*

† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude*

Our Guest Preacher:



The Reverend Tobi Nguyen is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, currently serving as pastor of Trinity UMC in downtown Durham, North Carolina. Her ministry integrates pastoral leadership, community partnerships, and educational programming that addresses contemporary challenges facing the church, including her recent work developing resources on Christian nationalism and faithful civic engagement. She serves as president of the board for Duke Wesley Campus Ministry, on the executive board for Durham Congregations in Action, and as chair for the North Carolina Conference of the UMC Commission on the

Status and Role of Women. Tobi is passionate about building bridges between congregations and their communities, currently leading initiatives with local schools to address food insecurity and other practical needs. When she's not in the pulpit or engaged in this work, she can be found knitting, watching Durham Bulls baseball, or enjoying time with her husband Jimmy and their three teenagers.

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“Nicodemus,” Tanner, Henry Ossawa, 1859-1937

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