



Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Sixth Sunday of  
Easter  
May 17, 2020

See below for worship on-line on ZOOM

Today's Theme: "Love is Our Witness"

**Instructions for Zoom.com Worship:**

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**Topic: Trinity UCC Worship 5-17-20**

**Time: May 17, 2020 10:30 AM Eastern Time  
(US and Canada)**

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**ToDay: If you're doing your worship in a quiet personal setting with this bulletin, then let's worship on this 6th Sunday of Easter:**

**WE GATHER**

*During this worship, we encourage you to know and to remember that you have created a **Quiet Meditative Space**, that this is a **Safe and Loving Place**, a **"Sanctuary"** for worship, praise and reflection; and to remember that **'No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You are Welcome Here!***

**Welcome to This “at home” personal worship bulletin. Maybe, you’d like to light a candle as you worship with this bulletin...especially if you have gathered your family with you.**

*(If you have prayer requests which you would like mentioned in the bulletin/newsletter, please send a note to Pastortucc@comcast.net)*

**NOTE: WE CONTINUE TO KEEP THE TRINITY UCC FACILITIES CLOSED FOR WORSHIP AND SMALL COMMITTEE/GROUP ACTIVITIES. Diane continues to work in the office three days a week on a varied schedule. Pastor Gerry has some office hours.**

### **Call to Worship**

Pastor: From the beginning, all life has been connected.

**One: There is a holy thread that weaves our lives together.**

Two: At times, we hide from this truth.

**Three: Other times it is hidden from us.**

**Four: Even so; that truth, that force is LOVE!**

Pastor: It gets buried deep down beneath greed and isolation.

**Five: It is forgotten when fear comes close.**

Six: But there is a place where we find ourselves in each other.

**Seven: A place where every living thing is valued.**

Pastor: We come to it on occasion. In brief and fleeting moments.

**Eight: It is our home in the life of God. Our place of origin and return.**

Nine: Let us go there together.

**ALL: Love shows us the way.**

### **Gathering Prayer**

**Hymn “Nearer My God to Thee”** Sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaxrY1rxZKE>

### **Our Prayer of Renewal**

Pastor: Beloved One, in times of uncertainty, you are the ground that steadies us.

**ALL: When nothing feels stable or secure; indeed, when all seems unsettling in our lives, we remember you are the source of all that grounds us, that keeps us whole, that helps us love.**

Pastor: Beloved One, help us rest in the knowledge of your abiding presence as our strength and our comfort. Remind us, O God, that we need not look far for you.

**ALL: Indeed, O God, you are as close as our breath, our neighbor, and every creaturely thing - you reach for us.**

Pastor: Help us this day to love You, to love ourselves, to love each other and to let love bind us together.

**ALL: Thanks be to you. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

#### **WE ENGAGE WITH THE CHILDREN**

You know the names of our children (Adriana, Alex, Elijah, Gavin, Lane, Laci, Lexi, Lily, Livi, Mason, O’Neil & Nathan, Fynn & Benjamin (in Germany) and Nick and Elizabeth Garmer) who would normally gather with Pastor Gerry for a time of conversation. Stop and think of each one of them and smile and find delight in them.

#### **WE PROCLAIM**

**Scripture Reading:** John 14:15-21

**Sermon:** “Getting Our Heads Around What Love Looks Like in Unsettling Times” Pastor Hanberry

**Special Music:** “Make Me a Servant” sung Newport Presbyterian Church Online Choir  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7CGnADlhF4&feature=youtu.be>

### Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive 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.

### Invitation to Offering

**Offertory:** *Please remember to send in your offering by mail, or give to our on-line giving button on the website (<https://www.trinityuccmanchester.org>).*

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication – Say your own prayer of gratitude, maybe begin with: “Thank you, God...”**

### WE GO FORTH

**Closing Hymn:** “Love Divine All Loves Excelling  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-6PMvqJHG0>

**Carrying the Light into the World – Put out your candle or maybe take it carefully outside and let it burn for the world.**

**Benediction:** Please say with us all these words,  
**“May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the renewing, re-birthing power of the Holy Spirit be with you and all those you love and those no one loves, save but God. Amen.”**

**Worship Notes and Resources:** Adapted by Pastor Hanberry from “Worship Ways” of the UCC.org worship resources.

### Worship Leadership

Gerry C. Hanberry	Interim Pastor
Pat Hanberry	Zoom Associate
MB Brainerd	Worship Committee
Deb Persinger	
Sandy Sanders	

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT MEETING IN THE CHURCH FACILITIES, WE WILL GIVE YOU NEWS (normally posted in our monthly Newsletter) IN THIS EXTENDED SECTION OF THE BULLETIN...(for the time being we will not publish a regular monthly newsletter).

### Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.  
Giving for last week: General: \$1,230.00  
Building Fund: \$745.00  
Attendance: 29 by Zoom

### Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin and Weekly Newsletter – Wednesday

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Prayers are needed for our country at this difficult time and all those in need.

**Worship Trinity UCC for the Next Two Weeks:**

**May 24, 2020 (10:30 a.m.) – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

John 17:1-11

Sermon: "Power! Pastor Hanberry

**May 31, 2020 – Pentecost Sunday**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: The Power of the Wind; The Power of a  
Paradigm Shift" Pastor Hanberry

**Meeting Dates Zoom**

Interim Planning Team – Monday, May 18 @ 7pm

Worship Committee – Thursday, May 28 @ 6pm

Consistory – Wednesday, June 3 @ 7pm

**Bible Study on Wednesdays:**

**A Bible Study for Inquiring Minds**

**May 20 & 27 -- 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Led by**

**The Rev. Gerry C. Hanberry**

**Interim Pastor**

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**VBS Postponed**

The social distancing requirements and uncertainty of when life activity will return to normal has caused us to postpone VBS. Please pray for a time when we can share Rocky Railway with our children.



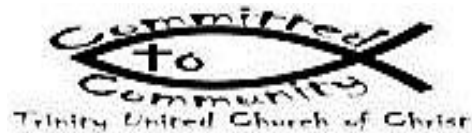
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## Nearer, My God, to Thee

*My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? Psa. 42:2  
Behold a ladder... reached to heaven.... And, behold, the Lord stood above it. Gen. 28:11-13*

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, near - er to Thee!  
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down,  
 3. There let the way ap - pear, steps un - to Heav'n;  
 4. Then, with my wak - ing tho'ts bright with Thy praise,  
 5. Or, if on joy - ful wing cleav - ing the sky,  
 6. There in my Fa - ther's home, safe and at rest,

E'en though it be a cross that rais - eth me,  
 Dark - ness be o - ver me, my rest a stone;  
 All that Thou send - est me, in mer - cy giv'n;  
 Out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;  
 Sun, moon, and stars for - got, up - ward I'll fly,  
 There in my Sav - ior's love, per - fect - ly blest;

Still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to Thee.  
 Yet in my dreams I'd be near - er, my God, to Thee.  
 An - gels to beck - on me near - er, my God, to Thee.  
 So by my woes to be near - er, my God, to Thee.  
 Still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to Thee.  
 Age af - ter age to be near - er, my God, to Thee.

### Refrain

Near - er, my God, to Thee, near - er to Thee!

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:  
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:  
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.