



## Trinity United Church of Christ

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 2021 – 10:45 a.m.

**Theme: Come and See – Seeing in the Dark**

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ: ***We exist to Love people where they are and encourage them***

***to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.***

**TODAY:** If you're doing your worship in a quiet personal setting with this bulletin, then let's worship on as the people of God on the 1st Sunday after Epiphany.

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.

**ZOOM Link for morning worship at Trinity UCC:**

**10:30 a.m. for informal gathering**

**10:45 a.m. Worship begins**

**Topic: Sunday Morning Worship -- Trinity UCC, Manchester, MD**

**Time: Jan 24, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Every week on Sun, until Feb 14, 2021, 4 occurrence(s)**

Jan 24, 2021 10:30 AM

Jan 31, 2021 10:30 AM

Feb 7, 2021 10:30 AM

Feb 14, 2021 10:30 AM

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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## **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 and Announcements    Pastor Hanberry

### **Theme Interpretation:**

- **Song** “Go Light Your World” Kathy Troccoli
- <https://youtu.be/yJ6EamTF05s>
- **Opening Words** -- Pastor Gerry

### **Call to Worship -- Sue Myers**

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

**ALL: We are called out of our darkness into light.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**ALL: We rejoice in the gift of light.**

Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**ALL: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

**Hymn:** Blessed Assurance

<https://youtu.be/-ibrU2z-qL0>

Cammeron Williams, Director of Music

### **Prayer of Renewal - Pastor Gerry**

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, Covid deaths, loss of jobs by the millions, injustice, and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark, can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into

all the dark places of our lives and world.

Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light. Amen.

## **Words of Assurance**

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

You know the names of our children. Indeed, I SEE YOU: Adriana and Mason Alex, Elijah, Gavin and Lexi, Lane, Laci, Lily, Livi, O’Neil & Nathan, Fynn & Benjamin & Nick and Elizabeth. As well as Sam and Jasmine, children of Cammeron Williams. 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 Readings:** Jonah 3:1-5 & Mark 1:14-20

**Sermon:** “God Finds us in the Dark” Pastor Hanberry

**Special Music** “O Healing River”

<https://youtu.be/4ge9dkOk3Pg>

sung by Cammeron Williams

### **Joys and Concerns – Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s 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 as a Reading**

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**

### **WE GO FORTH**

### **Benediction**

**Worship Notes and Resources:** The liturgy for today is adapted by Pastor Hanberry from various sources of Progressive Church liturgy materials.

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: 2809801

### **Worship Leadership**

Gerry C. Hanberry	Interim Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Sue Myers	Lay Reader
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: \$1,010.00

Building Fund: \$60.00          Attendance: 28 by zoom

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

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

### **Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter**

Sunday Worship bulletin and Weekly Newsletter – Wednesday

### **Meeting Dates Zoom**

Pastoral Search Committee – TBA

Bible Study – Book of Acts -- Wed Jan.27 @ 7 pm

Worship Committee – Thurs., Jan. 28 @ 6 pm

Choir – Thurs., Jan. 28 @ 7 pm

Racial Justice Group – Mon. Feb. 1 @ 7 pm

### **Worship at Trinity UCC via ZOOM.com for the Next Five Weeks:**

### **The Season of Epiphany – 2021**

“Come and See: Seeing in the Dark”

A Five-Sunday Sermon Series about Living In Dark Days and Nights of Our Lives

## **Overview:**

For some people today, even those who profess Christ and seek to follow Jesus, the 'Dark' is an enemy, an ever-challenging space to encounter.

The profound, encouraging, and challenging words of the Psalmist in Psalms 139:12

*("...even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.")*

can both invite us to open ourselves to god's light when we are afraid in the dark and 'smack' us gently to awaken our spiritual gifts and resources that allow us to see God's 'safety-net' in the night.

This five-sermon series will challenge and inspire us to "Come and See God;" to allow God to soothe our fears in the darkness; and to discover how the light can add brilliance and vitality to our lives. -- Pastor Gerry Hanberry

### **January 31, 2021 -- The Epiphany Season:**

#### **"Come and See – Seeing in the Dark"**

Theme: The Emotions of the Night

Scriptures: Mark 1:21-28 (The Man with an Unclean Spirit)

Sermon: "Why Won't God Turn on the Lights?"

### **February 7, 2021 -- The Epiphany Season:**

#### **"Come and See – Seeing in the Dark"**

Theme: The Dark Night of the Soul

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-31 & Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: "Jesus Praying in the Dark"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

### **February 14, 2021 -- The Epiphany Season:**

#### **"Come and See – Seeing in the Dark"**

Theme: Working With Darkness --Transformed by the Lightness and the Darkness

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 & Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: "What I Learned from the Dark"



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## **Food Bag Contributions**

The Trinity "Food Bags for Backpacks" program with Manchester Elementary School has restarted. Since it will be very difficult to have a written sign-up sheet each month, we are asking that anyone wishing to contribute to this project helps with a monetary gift. If you send a check, please write "Food Bags" on the memo line.