

Trinity United Church of Christ
Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021
7:00 p.m.



WE GATHER

*During this worship, we encourage you to know and to remember that this is 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

Gathering Music:

Entry Into the Worship

Pastor: From our work, or school or shopping, we have gathered in our homes or offices, even our cars, to enter this season of Lent.

ALL: We gather virtually to spend some precious time with each other as we enter this season of Lent, time with God as the center of our worship and our Lenten Journey.

Pastor: Let us acknowledge God is the source of our being.

ALL: God calls us to renew ourselves and our life's purpose, as we gather with others who are searching for fullness of life and the spiritual enrichment our lives and hearts and souls demand.

Pastor: Let us gather for a time of silent reflection:

Setting the Table – in our own spaces

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of nothingness we came through birth into life:

ALL: With the spirit of God within us.

Leader: Through the creating spirit of God, the universe unfolded into being.

ALL: With the spirit of God within it all.

Leader: From the heart of God creation and change and transformation go on till the end of time.

ALL: Within the spirit of all the powerful, we seek to be a blessing to others; we seek to discover those blessings coming into our own lives.

Leader: Let us embrace all that is before us.

ALL: Indeed, let us delight in God.

Pastor: God, author of life:

ALL: As we journey through this season of Lent, give us grace and strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives. May we be open to your leading. Enlighten our journey as we take each step toward renewal and the change we are called to make. Keep us mindful, always, of the transforming story of your love. Amen.

Opening Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Prophetic Lesson Isaiah 58:1-12 (NRSV)

Psalter Psalm 51:1-13 (#657 NCH)

You Tube Link:

By the Choir with Direction by Cammeron Williams

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:1-6, and 16-21

Special Music – “Create in Me a Clean Heart” Mark Patterson

Pastoral Reflections Pastor Gerry Hanberry

A Service of Holy Communion

Gathering Prayer

Remembering Christ’s Words

Christ’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.

Sharing the Loaf and Cup (We celebrate by intinction: come up to receive a piece of bread and dip it either in the chalice of red wine or white juice. ALL are welcome to participate.)

A Service of the Imposition of Ashes

Guided Meditation of Ashes

A Prayer for Our Lenten Journey

Closing Hymn “We Rise Again from Ashes”
by Tom Condry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dO5kBOGnYA>

A Blessing for the Journey Home

Worship Resources: Written or adapted by Pastor Hanberry

Worship Leadership

Gerry C. Hanberry

Interim Pastor

Cammeron Williams

Director of Music

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Lay Reader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blessings of Lent Series

February 21 -- Lent 1:

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit & the Baptism of Jesus

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; & Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: “The Blessing of the Kingdom of Heaven”

February 28 – Lent 2: Blessed are the Meek & Jesus’ Call to Disciples to Take Up Their Cross...

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Rom 4:13-15;

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: “...For the Sake of the Gospel”

March 7 – Lent 3: Blessed are Those Who Hunger for Righteousness & Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Exodus 20:1-17; Ps 19; 1 Corin. 1:18-25;

John 2:13-22

Sermon: “The Blessings of the Laws of God”

March 14 – Lent 4: Blessed are the Merciful & “God so Loved the World...”

Num 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph. 2:1-10; & John 3:14-21
Sermon: “The Blessing of Salvation”

March 21 – Lent 5: Blessed are the Pure in Heart & Losing and Keeping Your Life

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Heb 5:5-10;
& John 12:20-33
Sermon: “The Blessing That Bears Much Fruit”

March 28 -- Palm/Passion Sunday: Blessed are Those Who are Persecuted & Jesus on Parade

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Phil 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11
Sermon: “The Blessing of the Palms

April 1-- Maundy Thursday (7:00pm)

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; I
Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (The Upper Room)
Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Ritual of the Ashes – Self Imposed
Homily: “The Blessing of Jesus’ Humility”

April 2 – Good Friday 7:00pm

Trinity UCC might participate with the churches of the
Westminster Ministerium

April 4 -- Easter Sunday Celebration – Pre-recorded service shown Easter Morning on FaceBook Live Streaming ONLY

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corin 15:1-11;
John 20:1-18 (The Resurrection of Jesus)
Sermon: “Seeing Jesus Again for the First Time”

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