



**Trinity United Church of Christ  
First Sunday of Lent**

**February 21, 2021 – 10:45 a.m.  
Theme: The Blessings of Lent**

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.***

**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: Feb 21, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and  
Canada)**

**Every week on Sun, until Apr 25, 2021, 11  
occurrence(s)**

**Feb 21, 2021 10:30 AM**

**Feb 28, 2021 10:30 AM**

**Mar 7, 2021 10:30 AM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/92339690142?pwd=ZnE2U1owUZZWQkVjTG41UWZ1QjRnZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 923 3969 0142**

**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**  
**Gathering Music: It's My Desire**

**<https://youtu.be/QfNhxK8GGHs>**

**Call to Worship** – (adapted from Ps 25, 1-3) **Robert Miller**

Leader: To you, O GOD, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

**All: O God, we trust unashamedly in you; seeking that you be not ashamed of us;**

Leader: May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships;

**All: Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Grow us to know your ways more clearly.**

Leader: You are the God of our salvation and the Creator and Sustainer of all Good Blessings.

**All: For you we wait.**

Leader: May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us and make us blessings to others.

**All: Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Blessed Are The Poor in Spirit

<https://youtu.be/iv1Ke6kx4BA>

**Prayer of Renewal - Pastor Gerry**

Pastor: Creating and Renewing God. In this Lenten season we each need the opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless.

Help us to start over. Re-orient head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with life-affirming activities and thoughts that turn into Blessings for all we meet on this Lenten Journey.

*(Silence)*

**All: May I become so clear about what it looks like to live into the Kingdom of Heaven that I will be open to receiving the blessings of these Lenten days. May I then share my joy and clarity of purpose that I will be the blessing to others that I wish they would be to me, in over-coming violence, hunger, and injustice.**

Pastor: May we find courage and clarity to assist us in works of justice and compassion, which make daily life bearable for many. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**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:** Genesis 9:8-17 & Matthew 5:1-3

**Sermon:** "The Blessings of the Kingdom of Heaven"

Pastor Hanberry

**Special Music:** "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

Our Hymn from the New Century Hymnal (NCH 391) for Sunday, June 28, 2020. Sung by the Irvine United Congregational Church intern quartet: Brianna Finnell, Jacob Hall, Steven Amie, Chris Peterson. Josh Chandra, accompanist.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeRNRZ4ffsA&t=120s>

**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* [\(<https://www.trinityuccmanchester.org>\)](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](#)

### **Leadership**

Gerry C. Hanberry	Interim Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Robert Miller	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:** \$2020.00

Building Fund: \$110.00      Attendance: 32 by zoom

***Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving***

### **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**

Lenten Study – Sermon on the Mount -- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> session will meet Feb. 24 and March 3 @ 7 pm

Choir – Thurs., Feb. 25 @ TBA

Worship Committee – Thurs., Feb 25 @ 6 pm

Racial Justice Group – Mon., March 1 @ 7 pm

Consistory – Tues. March 2 @ 7 pm

Pastoral Search Committee – TBA

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

TUCC Worship Series – Lent and Easter 2021

**February 17 – April 4, 2021**

**“The Blessings of Lent”**

**Lent** is an early-church practice meant to prepare followers of Jesus for celebrating Easter. It remains a life-giving tradition that has the potential to transform the weeks leading up to Easter from a time of busy chaos into a season of beautiful commitment to Jesus. Lent has taken many shapes and forms throughout history. There’s no one way to do it. This year of surging pandemic we search for new ways that deepen our faith. The Lenten Bible stories are powerful and inspiring. They are even richer still when paired with some selected Beatitudes from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. In pairing the Beatitudes with these ancient stories about Jesus—and the people Jesus encounters along the way—we will discover a

richer source of blessings during this Lenten season. We are tempted. We receive gifts of grace, abundant grace. Our spiritual thirstiness is often quenched. In being open to new spiritual insights, we are renewed and inspired for a better life.

### **Worship Schedule – Lent 2021**

**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 & Matthew 5:5**

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 & Matthew 5:6

Sermon: "The Blessings of the Laws of God"

### **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.



### **March 14, 2021**

**One Great Hour of Sharing®** is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.

Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty, shade from the sun, shelter from the wind, For the Compassionate One guides them, takes them to the best springs." (Isaiah 49:10 MSG)

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