



Trinity United Church of Christ
Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 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.

pastortucc@comcast.net is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Trinity UCC worship

Time: Mar 14, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Mar 21, 2021, 3 occurrence(s)

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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

Gathering Music:

Call to Worship – MB Brainerd

Leader: Beloved in Christ, why have you come to worship this morning?

All: We come to celebrate the love of God in the ONE we call Jesus Christ.

Leader: This love reaches through the shadows of our lives to embrace us. Our challenge is to trust the light of God’s love in the midst of our struggles.

All: We come to celebrate the light of God in Jesus who offers love and acceptance, not judgment and rejection.

Leader: If only we will trust that Jesus leads us in the way of light and love.

All: We come to celebrate our God who loved and loves us still, who holds us close to the very heart of God!

Hymn:

Prayer of Renewal - Pastor Gerry

Pastor: O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day-to-day lives.

All: Forgive us.

Pastor: In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us.

All: Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; Lift up loving and compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world.

ASSURANCE OF BLESSING

Pastor: You are blessed because God's image resides deep within each of you. So, return God's blessing by the way you love others. **Amen.**

WE ENGAGE WITH THE CHILDREN

You know the names of our children. Indeed, I SEE YOU: Adriana and Mason Alex, Elijah, Lane, Laci, Lily, Livi, O'Neil & Nathan, Fynn & Benjamin & Nick and Elizabeth. As well as Nathan and Marissa Schultz and 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: John 3:14-21 & Matthew 5:7

Sermon: "The Blessings of Salvation" Pastor Hanberry
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtmgUdAcADk&t=278s>

Special Music "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Joys and Concerns – Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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](#)

Leadership

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| Gerry C. Hanberry | Interim Pastor |
| Cammeron Williams | Director of Music |
| MB Brainerd | 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: \$1,610.00

Building Fund: \$60.00 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

Racial Justice Group – continued study of Emmanuel Acho's book: Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man. March 15 @ 7 PM

Lenten Study – Sermon on the Mount -- 5th session will meet March 17 @ 7 pm with both Pastors: Gerry and Charlie
Choir – Thurs., March 18 @ 3 p.m.
Worship Committee – Thurs., March ?? @ 6 pm
Pastoral Search Committee – TBA

Worship at Trinity UCC via ZOOM.com for ONE MORE SUNDAY

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

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 & Matthew 5:8

Sermon: MB Brainerd “The Blessing That Bears Much Fruit”

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND FB LIVE STREAMING

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 & Matthew 5:11-12

Sermon: “The Blessing of the Palms

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

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

Homily: “The Blessing of Jesus’ Humility”

April 4 -- Easter Sunday Celebration

IN-PERSON WORSHIP WITH FaceBook Live Streaming

No Zoom service

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”



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 28, 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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