

The Blessings of LENT



Trinity United Church of Christ
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021 – 10:45 a.m.

**Blessed are the Pure in Heart and
Losing and Keeping Your Life**

Topic: Trinity UCC worship

Time: Mar 21, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Every week on Sun, until Mar 21, 2021, 3 occurrence(s)

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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.***

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 – “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

<https://youtu.be/ynDVdDARWjM>

Call to Worship – (Matthew 5:8 & Psalm 51 – The Message)
Lucy Brady

Leader: “Blessed are the Pure in Heart for they will see God.”

ALL: “You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your
mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the
outside world.

Leader: God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week
from the chaos of my life.

ALL: **Don’t throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe
holiness in me. Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh
wind in my sails!**

Leader: Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God,
and I’ll sing anthems to your life-giving ways.

All: **Unbutton my lips, dear God; I’ll let loose with your
praise.**

Hymn: O The Glory of Your Presence

https://youtu.be/1f_JFMhKPEY

Prayer of Renewal – MB Brainerd

Preacher: Creator God, we come here today to ask for your blessings, not because we have done everything in every way perfectly and completely, according to your Law, but because we need your blessings upon us so that we can, in all earnestness, be pure in heart, in all that we think and do, that we may know you.

All: Forgive us. We ask for your blessings.

Preacher: We ask your forgiveness for having lost patience with others when they have also lost patience with us; We ask for your guidance and presence in our hearts, especially in these difficult and trying times, that we may be pure in spirit, full in love of you, whereby we find a way to love even our enemies, and even ourselves.

All: Forgive us. We ask for your blessings.

Preacher: We ask that you forgive us those moments when we see injustice, that we haven't spoken out for your name's sake.

All: Forgive us. We ask for your blessings.

ASSURANCE OF BLESSING

ALL: We are blessed because God's image resides deep within each of us. We return God's blessing by the way we love others. This is what Jesus has taught us through his life and his resurrection, a resurrection that has made possible our own eternal life. 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Heb 5:5-10; & John 12:20-33.

Sermon: "The Blessings of Losing & Keeping Your Life"
MB Brainerd

Special Music: " Lift Him Up" Sung by Cammeron Williams

<https://youtu.be/CGqIWmycPuc>

Joys and Concerns – Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer – Pastor Gerry Hanberry

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 - MB Brainerd

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 MB Brainerd 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
MB Brainerd	Preacher of the Day
Lucy Brady	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: \$810.00

Building Fund: \$60.00 Attendance: 28 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

Worship Committee – Mon. March 22 @ 6 pm

Lenten Study – Sermon on the Mount -- 6th session will meet

March 24 @ 7 pm with both Pastors: Gerry and Charlie

Choir – Thurs., March 25 @ 3 p.m.

Racial Justice Group – continue study of Emmanuel Acho's

book: Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man. Monday

March 29 @ 7 PM

Pastoral Search Committee – TBA

**Worship at Trinity UCC IN-PERSON starting Palm Sunday
March 28th at 10:45 a.m. – Covid-Precautions – Mask,
Screening & Social Distancing in place.**

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

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAMING
(ZOOM – Maundy Thurs)**

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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP WITH FaceBook Live Streaming

No Zoom service

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 (7:00pm) 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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