

Trinity United Church of Christ  
Palm Sunday  
March 28, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP WITH FB LIVE STREAMING



## THE BLESSINGS OF PALM SUNDAY

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!’***

*(If you have prayer requests which you would like mentioned in the bulletin/newsletter, please send a note to [pastortucc@comcast.net](mailto:pastortucc@comcast.net))*

**NOTE: TODAY, WE HOLD WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON) AND BROADCAST THE SERVICE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING AT 10:45 A.M. WE CONTINUE TO KEEP THE TRINITY UCC FACILITIES CLOSED FOR SMALL COMMITTEE/GROUP ACTIVITIES, BUT OFFER MEETINGS AND BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM**

**Diane continues to work in the office three days a week on a varied schedule. Pastor Gerry has some office hours.**

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Robert Miller**

Leader: Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem.  
**ALL: We now come near to the end of one story. Another will soon follow.**

Leader: We have followed Jesus this far, and so doing, we have received the BLESSINGS OF LENT. Today we remember how he faced betrayal, falseness, rejection, and torment.

**ALL: And we witness, once more, that he taught and walked in love through every step of the journey.**

**ALL: Wave Palms in the Air**

Leader: Let us remember, more than ever, Jesus’ stories are our stories too. Let us embrace the story of Jesus’ place in our lives and our place in Jesus’ story.

**ALL: We claim all the blessings Jesus offers and invites us to share with others.**

**ALL: Wave Palms in the air**

### **Matthew 21: 1-17**

#### **Jesus Enters Jerusalem and the Temple**

**Narrator (Reader 1)** As they approached Jerusalem, entering Beth-Phage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two disciples<sup>2</sup> with the instructions,

**Jesus (Reader 2)** “Go into the village straight ahead of you, and immediately you will find a tethered donkey with her colt standing beside her. Untie them and lead them back to me.<sup>3</sup> If anyone questions you, say, ‘The Rabbi needs them.’ Then they will let them go at once.”

**Narrator (Reader 1)** <sup>4</sup>This came about to fulfill what was said through the prophet: <sup>5</sup>“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Your Sovereign comes to you without display, riding on a donkey, on a colt—the foal of a beast of burden.’ ” <sup>6</sup>So the disciples went off and did what Jesus had ordered. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and her colt, and after they laid their cloaks on the animals, Jesus mounted and rode toward the city.

### **The Procession of Palms**

**Narrator (Reader 2)** <sup>8</sup>Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while some began to cut branches from the trees and lay them along the path. <sup>9</sup>The crowds—those who went in front of Jesus and those who followed—were all shouting

**Crowd (Children)** “**Hosanna to the Heir to the House of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Most High! Hosanna in the highest!**”

**ALL: Wave Palms**

**Narrator (Reader 1)** <sup>10</sup>As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred to its depths, demanding, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowd kept answering,

**Crowd (Congregation)** “**This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee!**”

**IMAGINE:** *The Children and others in the congregation parading around the sanctuary singing and waving palms*

**Hymn** Hosanna Loud Hosanna  
<https://youtu.be/L8VgZTC0FSo>

### **Jesus in the Temple**

**Narrator (Reader 2)** <sup>12</sup>When Jesus entered the Temple, he drove out all those who were selling and buying there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling doves. <sup>13</sup>He said to them...

**Jesus (Reader 1)** “Scripture says, ‘My house is called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of thieves!”

**Narrator (Reader 2)** <sup>14</sup>Those who were blind or couldn’t walk came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup>When the chief priests and teachers of the Law saw the wonderful things Jesus did throughout the Temple area, especially when Jesus heals so many people.

**Crowd (Children)** “**Hosanna to the Heir to the House of David!**”

**Narrator (Reader 1)** They asked him: <sup>16</sup>“Do you hear what the children are shouting?”

**Jesus (Reader 2)** “Yes! Have you never read, ‘From the mouths of children and nursing babies, you have brought forth praise’?”

**Narrator (Reader 1)** <sup>17</sup>After leaving them, Jesus went out to Bethany to spend the night.

### **WE CONFESS**

#### **Call to Confession**

Pastor: In this precious quiet, let us pray for renewal and hope: Lord, it is the beginning of the week of great adventure, sacrifice and love. We sense our need for you. You ask us to read your Word. We start by reading the Bible, but then get busy and put it aside. We begin to pray to you and then the phone rings, and we are interrupted again. Sometimes we meditate in quiet solitude, only to find our minds wander and then on goes the TV. Finally, we plan to be present for our Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday, but something “comes up,” something better we think at the time. Move us, Lord, to live into your passion. Lord, speak to us through your Word. Let it penetrate our minds and hearts. Speak to us and let us hear your call. Guide us during this special week so we may experience and understand Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. Amen.

#### **Words of Assurance**

**\*We Say Words of God’s Abundant Grace  
“Grace Alone” (Refrain)**

**Grace a-lone which God supplies,  
strength unknown he will provide.  
Christ in us our Cornerstone;  
we will go forth in grace a-lone.**

### **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:** Mark 11:1-11 (Pastor reads)

**Sermon:** "Accomplice OR Active Defender?"

Pastor Hanberry

**Hymn:** "Ride On Ride On in Majesty"

<https://youtu.be/4tkB1F9zLVo>

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

*If you have a prayer of praise or concern, pause in your worship this morning, and say: "thank you, God for my joy or for a person you would name out loud or in your heart. For someone for whom you are concerned, say something like: "O God, I hold up my friend, who is ill or afraid, to your healing grace. Amen."*

**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*  
<http://www.trinityuccmanchester.org>

### **We Say Doxology**

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 – Say your own prayer of gratitude, maybe begin with: "Thank you, God..."**

### **WE GO FORTH**

**Hymn** "Lord, I lift your name on High"

<https://youtu.be/F6mDzM8i4v4>

Trinity Choir, Directed by Cammeron Williams

### **Carrying the Light into the World**

**Benediction:** Please say with us all these words,  
**"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the renewing, re-birthing power of the Holy Spirit be with you and all those you love and those no one loves, save but God. Amen."**

**Worship Notes and Resources:** Adapted by Pastor Hanberry from "Worship Ways" of the UCC.org worship resources.

### **Worship Leadership**

Gerry C. Hanberry  
Cammeron Williams  
Robert Miller  
Sue Myers  
Karen Haines  
Ashby Haines

Interim Pastor  
Director of Music  
Narrator (Reader 1)  
Narrator (Reader 2)  
Camera Operators  
Video Producer

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT MEETING in small groups 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:** \$880.00      Building Fund: \$60.00

OGHS: \$100.00

Attendance by zoom: 27

*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*

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

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

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

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

### **Meetings via zoom this week:**

Monday, March 29, 7 p.m. Racial Justice Group

Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m. Consistory

## **Worship Trinity UCC Holy Week:**

**April 1-- Maundy Thursday – 7 pm – via zoom – not in person**

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” Pastor Gerry

**Gather pieces of bread and drink for communion at your own altar at home or where ever you worship tonight via Zoom.**

### **April 1 – Good Friday**

WE WILL JOIN WITH OTHER CHURCHES IN THE WESTMINSTER AREA FOR A REAL CROSS WALK SERVICE **AT Belle Grove Square PARK IN WESTMINSTER, MD ...**

**April 4 -- Easter Sunday Celebration – IN-PERSON AND FB LIVE STREAMING**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Col 3:1-4;

John 20:1-18 (The Resurrection of Jesus)

Sermon: “Seeing Jesus Again for the First Time”



Topic: Trinity UCC Maundy Thursday  
Worship

Time: Apr 1, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time  
(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96573588172?pwd=WWNoV085Uk0rSjRSb2V0aWQrMGljUT09>

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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.

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