



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

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**March 7, 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 7, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Every week on Sun, until Mar 21, 2021, 3 occurrence(s)**

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

**Mar 14, 2021 10:30 AM**

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

**Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.**

**Weekly:**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/97221779464?pwd=MUtXUGFQUFdBdDIPUm01Z2dhOSStFQT09>**

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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: People Need The Lord**

**<https://youtu.be/XaNfi3G3yBc>**

Sung by the Choir and Directed by Cammeron Williams from a previous recording

## **Call to Worship – Leslie Brooks**

Leader: Our lips sing praise and our whole selves rejoice in the God who makes us free.

**All: We gather, recognizing that not all human beings have known this freedom.**

Leader: The divine will was made known in Eden and in Egypt; in Gettysburg and in Cape Town.

**All: Born in freedom, redeemed from slavery, our destiny in Christ is liberty.**

Leader: The Laws of God demand paying attention to how God is working in our lives and how God expects us to work in the lives of the faith community in which we live and have our being.

**All: We love the laws of God.**

Leader: And let us Bless those who are hungry for righteousness. Let us say it together:

**All: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

**Hymn:** Teach Me O Lord, Your Holy Way

<https://youtu.be/8Eb2u14kxcs>

## **Prayer of Renewal - Pastor Gerry and Leslie Brooks**

Pastor: Thankful are we for all the blessings of this life; love, freedom, bounty, and beauty.

The joy we know is beyond our words to speak.

**Leslie Brooks:** We can only image the suffering and pain of human slaves, past and present, which yearn from the depths of their souls to know the freedom we enjoy.

Pastor: We celebrate this day the heritage we have in the cause of human freedom. We celebrate this day our spiritual ancestors

who worked for the freedom of the Mendi people on the slave ship, Amistad.

**Leslie Brooks:** May that ship, like the cross, remind us of the ever-present possibility of human evil. And may that ship, like the cross, remind us of the power of divine love.

Pastor: May we, through divine love, shed the false, un-neighborly, covetous, and dishonorable desires of the lives we sometimes live and keep the commandments and walk in the way that brings 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:** Exodus 20:1-17 & John 2:13-22 & Matthew 5:6

**Sermon:** "The Blessings of the Laws of God"

Pastor Hanberry

**Special Music** Sanctify Me

<https://youtu.be/yO7yWpYuMmE>

**Joys and Concerns –**

## **Brief Order of the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

As Communion is served please before worship gather pieces of bread and something to drink (whatever you have, juice, lemonade, etc.) and place it near you before our service begins.

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer and Prayer of Our Savior

**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.**

Blessing the Consecrated Bread and Pouring the Cup

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### **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**

Gerry C. Hanberry	Interim Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Leslie Brooks	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**

Lenten Study – Sermon on the Mount -- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> session will meet Tues, March 9 at 2 pm with Pastor Charlie and March 10 @ 7 pm with both Pastors: Gerry and Charlie

Choir – Thurs., March 11 @ TBA

Racial Justice Group – Mon., March 15 @ 7 pm

Worship Committee – Thurs., March 25 @ 6 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**

**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 & Matthew 5:7

Sermon: “The Blessing of Salvation” M. Curry

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

**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”



**Don't forget to Spring Forward March 13<sup>th</sup>**

## 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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