



**Trinity United
Church of Christ**
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021
10:45 a.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

We Are Witnesses Too

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: “Blessed Assurance”
live instrumental music played by
Cameron Williams, Director of Music

***Call to Worship – Marge Bailey**

Leader: Come, let us consider the impact of Jesus’ appearances on the lives of the disciple’s way back in the past:

ALL: Let us celebrate their willingness to lay down their struggles for faith in the risen, living Christ.

Leader: For us now, right here in the here and now:

ALL: This is the Christ who comes with grace and love and hope.

Leader: How is Christ coming into our lives this morning?

ALL: He comes bringing “peace be with you” and with expectations that our faith will be strengthened today:

That we might all receive and embrace the surprises of grace and renewal that touches us in this worship.

Hymn: “Sweet Holy Spirit”

The Psalter Reading (Choir) Psalm # 4 (NRSV) # 622

Prayer of Renewal - Pastor Gerry

Pastor: O God, as we journey to the past, “we imagine ourselves with the friends of Jesus so long ago.

ALL: We join them in their vulnerability, and we open our lives to the surprises of grace that might come our way today. “Come, loving God, come. Send us your Holy Spirit this day.”

Pastor: “O God in Christ, trustworthy with all that we bring to you, never drawing back from the challenges of our lives and inviting, in us, the faith to dare to be honest before you, we come before you as we are”:

Silent Reflection

Pastor: “Reach out toward us, loving God.

ALL: And gather us into the gift of your grace.”

Pastor: “If we cannot find our way in these days of confusion and uncertainty, and if we turn away from life in fear because we cannot find You there or hold onto each other or fail to see You waiting in our midst: Forgive us, O God.”

Silent Reflection

Pastor: "Reach out toward us, loving God.

ALL: And gather us into the gift of your grace."

Pastor: "As we anticipate the future, and we look at lack of faith in others and make our critical judgments without really knowing the depth of their struggles or their loneliness in the journey of life":

Silent Reflection

Pastor: "Reach out toward us, loving God.

ALL: And gather us into the gift of your grace, for we cannot live in faithfulness without you." Amen.

Pastor: In our honest confession, we are made whole and new. Thanks be to God.

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: Acts 3:11-19 & Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon: "Being Witnesses to the Story of the Church"
Pastor Hanberry

Special Music: "In His Presence" Trinity UCC Choir, directed

by Cammeron Williams, Director of Music

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

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***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

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for last week: General: \$1,375.00

Building Fund: \$560.00 Attendance: 20

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.

Leadership

Gerry C. Hanberry
Cammeron Williams
Marge Bailey
MB Brainerd
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders

Interim Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THIS EXTENDED SECTION OF THE BULLETIN serves as our weekly newsletter until we create a new monthly newsletter.

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

Pastor Gerry and Cammeron Williams staff, Mon, April 19 @ 5

Racial Justice Group – continued study of Emmanuel Acho’s book: Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man. April 26 @ 7 PM

Choir – Thurs., April 22, 2021 @ 3 p.m.

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Three Weeks:

April 25, 2021 -- 4th Sunday of Easter

1 John 3:16-24 & John 10:11-18

Sermon: The Rev. Jessica Townsley, Candidate for new Called pastor at Trinity UCC

Plan to join us April 25, 2021 as Trinity’s Search Committee presents the Rev. Jessica Townsley as the candidate for our next called pastor. Experience worship with Rev. Jessica leading and preaching, after which a congregational vote will be held by members.

May 2, 2021 -- 5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 15:1-11

Sermon: “COUNT IT ALL JOY...THE JOY OF THE HARVEST: Two Brothers and Their Barns” Pastor Hanberry
Sacrament of Holy Communion

May 9, 2021 -- 6th Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Philippians 4:4-7 & John 15:9-17

Sermon: “Count it ALL as JOY – Seeking and Sustaining Community” Pastor Hanberry
Service of Release for the Rev. Dr. Gerry C. Hanberry, Interim Pastor

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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