



**Trinity United  
Church of Christ**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 9, 2021**  
**10:45 a.m.**  
**In-Person Worship**  
**FB Live Streaming**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
**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:** "Let's Celebrate" by Stephen Hurd

**\*Call to Worship – Robert Miller**

Leader: Imagine our singing aloud to God: From our strength and our JOY!

**ALL: God, our Host, is always here, always travelling with us.**

Leader: God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:"

**ALL: When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.**

Leader: Now, in these present moments, God continues to lead us, to feed us, to calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

**ALL: a feast for all--freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven, and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Charles Converse

**Prayer of Renewal - Pastor Gerry**

Pastor: Let us pray for our renewal and for the renewal of the church call Trinity United Church of Christ:

**ALL: Dear God, we have known you since the time you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom. We have found no fault in your promise. Yet we wander from the path that you have set and put our faith in other "gods" which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality. We forsake your blessings and your JOY. Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance. Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our midst.**

Pastor: God is merciful and slow to anger. God seeks the lost and extends the invitation again and again. God welcomes us when we turn to God. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel, the JOYFUL news of lives forgiven and renewed.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**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:** Philippians 4:4-7; John 15:9-17

**Sermon:** "Count it ALL as JOY – Seeking and Sustaining Community" Pastor Hanberry

**Special Music:** "My Tribute" (To God Be the Glory)

by Andrae' Crouch

Cammeron Williams, Soloist and Director of Music

**Joys and Concerns**

**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**

## LITURGY FOR THE RELEASE OF The REV. DR. GERRY HANBERRY

### GREETING

Leader (Robert Miller) Our church family is constantly changing.

**ALL: People come and go.**

**Babies are born.**

**Children grow up.**

**People commit themselves to one another.**

Leader: Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives.

**ALL: Individuals move into our community and church life.**

**Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities.**

Leader: It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings.

**ALL: Today we share the time of farewell with our *Interim Pastor* who is leaving.**

### ENDING AN AUTHORIZED MINISTRY

RECOGNITION OF THE END

*A representative of the covenantal partners-the local church, association, or conference-may lead in these or other appropriate words.*

LEADER (the Rev. Esther Ziegler, Catoctin Association Church and Ministry Commission:

On April 8, 2018, Trinity UCC called Gerry Hanberry to serve as Interim Pastor.

PASTOR:

I thank Trinity UCC, its members, and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last three years.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**PEOPLE:**

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to enter a new phase of your ministerial journey.**

**We express our gratitude for your time among us.**

**We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.**

**Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

PASTOR GERRY

I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

**VOW OF RELEASE**

*All who are able may stand for these or similar words.*

LEADER

*addressing the congregation*

Do you, the members, and friends of Trinity UCC release the Rev. Dr. Gerry Hanberry from the duties of Trinity's Interim Pastor?

**PEOPLE**

**We do, with the help of God.**

LEADER

Do you offer your encouragement for his ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

**PEOPLE**

**We do, with the help of God.**

**WITNESS OF THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE**

*Members of the Consistory may stand at their seats. A representative of the association or conference addresses them.*

REPRESENTATIVE (Bob Ziegler):

On behalf of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release.

The member churches of our association and conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

Trinity UCC Consistory:

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER**

Leader (Bob Ziegler):

Let us pray:

**ALL: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy,**

**help each of us**

**to trust the future**

**which rests in your care.**

**The time we were together**

**in your name saw our**

**laughter and tears,**

**our hopes and**

**disappointments.**

**Guide us as we hold these**

**cherished memories but**

**move in new directions,**

**until that time to come**

**as he moves**

**to a new and unknown place,**

**in the name of Jesus**

**the Savior.**

**Amen.**

**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:** \$700.00

Building Fund: \$60.00      Attendance: 19

*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

Interim Pastor

Cammeron Williams

Director of Music

Robert Miller

Lay Reader

MB Brainerd

Worship Committee

Deb Persinger

Sandy Sanders

The Rev. Esther Ziegler

Catoctin Association

Bob Ziegler

Central Atlantic Conference

**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**

Consistory – Wednesday, May 12 7pm

**Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Two Weeks:**

**May 16, 2021- Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sermon: “Waiting with Sorrow-filled Hearts” Pastor Lucy Brady

**May 23, 2021- Pentecost Sunday**

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-8

Sermon: “Trusting the Spirit” Pastor Lucy Brady

**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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