



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Transfiguration Sunday
Baptism
February 27, 2022
10:45 a.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Astounded by the Greatness of God”

**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!***

**Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by Cammeron
Williams**

Welcome and Announcements – Amy Schultz

Gathering Music – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

***Call to Worship**

Amy Schultz

One: The Lord is sovereign; let the people stand in awe.

**All: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth
shake.**

One: The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

**All: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and
worship God upon the holy mountain!**

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jessica

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. (silence)

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten son
revealed his glory upon the holy mountain:

Grant to us that we, beholding by faith

the light of his being,

May be strengthened to bear your cross,

And be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever.

Children’s Song: “Praise the Lord Every Day” by Yancy

A Time for Discovery

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Amy Schultz

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-43a *Pastor Jessica*

One: For the Word of God in Scripture

For the Word of God among us

For the Word of God within us

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: “Adventures in Missing the Point”

Pastor Jessica

WE RESPOND

The Sacrament of Baptism

Sadie Michele Yingling

Welcome

Pastor: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant and said to them,

People: Let the little Children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.

Pastor: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Address

Pastor: Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "Yet you have come to me!"

People: Jesus said, "Let it be so for now. For in this way, we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

Pastor: As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and lighting on him.

People: The voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: At another time, Jesus said: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united to Jesus Christ and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. Baptism is the visible sign of an invisible event:

Pastor: the reconciliation of people to God It shows the death of self and the rising to a life of obedience and praise. It shows also the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those whom God has chosen. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always.

**People: This is the water of baptism.
Out of this water we rise with new life,
forgiven of sin,
and one in Christ,
members of one body.**

Questions of the Candidate

Congregational Assent

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

The Apostle's Creed

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anointing with Chrism

The New White Garment

The Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

Covenant Letter

Special Music: “This Little Light of Mine”

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

WE GO FORTH

***Carrying the Light into the World**

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: 2809801

Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Amy Schultz	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

March 2, 2022 – Ash Wednesday (7pm)

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 6, 2022 – First Sunday in Lent

Theme – God in the Darkness

Scripture: Exodus 13; Matthew 22

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$759.03

Attendance: 37

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00

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
April Newsletters - Monday, March 21

Meeting Dates Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, March 9, @ 7pm
Worship Committee – Tuesday, March 15, @ 6 pm
PPR – Wednesday, March 23, @ 7pm



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree

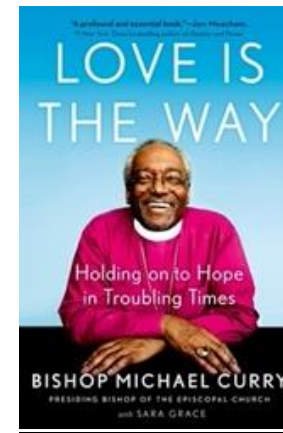
COVID-19 Protocol Trinity UCC

With Covid-19 cases on the rise, in order to protect the most vulnerable among us, and those who are immunocompromised, **mask are required**. We appreciate everyone's understanding, and thank you, as we try to safely navigate through these uncertain and unpredictable times due to this pandemic.

Food Bags for Backpacks

Trinity UCC continues our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark "Food Bags" on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

Church-Wide Read!



There's still time to get in on our church-wide read. In February, we began reading a book together as a church. This is how it works: Every 3-4 months, we will pick a book. Then, we'll read at our own pace. After we've had some time with the book, we will meet for one Zoom session to discuss what we loved/learned/wondered about as we read our selected book.

We're currently reading Bishop Michael Curry's "Love is the Way" and will meet at the beginning of May to discuss.

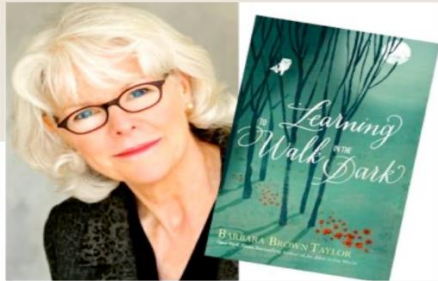
ASH WEDNESDAY
March 2



Two Ways to Participate:

- Ashes-to-Go (11am and 6pm)
- In Person and Facebook LIVE 7pm

LENTEN BOOK STUDY



Thursdays at 7pm on ZOOM
MARCH 3-APRIL 7

Beginning March 3, we will meet on Thursday evenings at 7pm via Zoom to discuss Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. The book "seeks to rehabilitate what we have learned to fear—the dark" by reflecting on how we live our lives when the light isn't shining so brightly on us. Taylor teaches us how to rethink the "dark" and develop a spirituality that works not just in the bright light of day, but also at nighttime.

If you are interested in participating, please see Pastor Jessica for a book and the Zoom information.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

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