



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022
10:45 a.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Radical Acceptance”

**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

*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 – Robert Miller

Gathering Music – “Just as I Am”

***Call to Worship** *(based on Jeremiah 29:4-11)* Robert Miller

One: A word of encouragement from the prophet;

All: Lead a full life: build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

One: pray for your people.

All: Keep God in the center of your lives.

One: In the season of Lent, we come to worship our Triune
God,

All: to draw near and be reminded whose we are.

One: For our God is steadfast in love and faithfulness,

All: and we trust in God’s promises.

One: Let us worship God!

Call to Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jessica

One: Patient Lord,

We have whined and complained
about all things in our lives that are challenging.

We have focused solely on them,
forgetting all you have given us and all that is good.

We have refused to accept our pain,
Running toward false light and
missing your presence in the darkness.

When our yokes are heavy,

All: Remind us we don’t have to carry them alone.

One: When we feel lost,

All: Remind us that you seek us out.

One: When we feel broken and battered

All: Remind us that your love soothes and comforts us.

**Lord, forgive us when we have missed the mark,
Help us love as you love and give as generously as
you give.**

In this Lenten season, and beyond. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Turn again to the Lord, for you are the beloved of
God and have been blessed beyond measure. Rejoice
that God loves you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are
forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Hymn:

A Time for Discovery

Children may come forward

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:4-11 Robert Miller

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30 *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: "Goodnight Moon" *Pastor Jessica*

Special Music:

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

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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
Robert Miller	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

March 20, 2022 – Third Sunday in Lent

Theme – Eyes of the Blind

Scripture: Acts 9:1-9; Matthew 6:25-34

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$2,045.00

Attendance: 35

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

Worship Committee – Tuesday, March 15, @ 6 pm

PPR – Wednesday, March 23, @ 7pm

Consistory – Wednesday, April 6, @ 7pm

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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



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

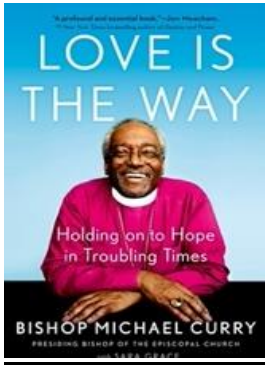
Trinity UCC Covid Protocol

- While masks are no longer required, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask while inside the building, particularly if you are unvaccinated or immunocompromised.

- You are welcome to sing in worship, however, we ask that family groups remain socially distanced from one another in order to limit exposure. We appreciate everyone's understanding these last two years of pandemic and joyfully look forward to what's to come!

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 join our church-wide read!

Easy as A-B-C:

- a. A new book each quarter.
- b. Read at our own pace.
- c. Attend one Zoom session to discuss what we loved/learned/wondered about as we read our selected book.

Current book:

Bishop Michael Curry's *Love is the Way: Holding onto Hope in Troubling Times*

Zoom Meeting in early May.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY



Thursdays at 7pm on ZOOM
MARCH 3-APRIL 7

Thursday evenings, we are meeting at 7pm via Zoom to discuss Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. If you are interested in participating, please see Pastor Jessica for a book and the Zoom information.



Get Involved in Worship

As COVID numbers continue to decline and we feel safer in worship, we are seeking more volunteers to serve in various roles.

If you are interested in serving as a **lay reader, media operator, greeter, usher, or helping with children's church**, please let Pastor Jessica know.

Even if you are unable to make it to worship in person, there are ways you can **serve as a reader from home**. Many hands make much lighter work for everyone!

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