



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022
10:45 a.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Pay Attention”

**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 – Marge Bailey

**Gathering Music – “Come, O Thankful People, Come”
(NCH) 422**

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 146) Marge Bailey

One: Happy are we whose help is in the Lord,

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Our hope is in our God, who made heaven and earth:

All: Praise the Lord!

One: who brings justice to the oppressed and food to the
hungry,

All: Praise the Lord!

One: sets prisoners free and gives sight to the blind.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: In the nighttime as in the daylight, let us worship with joy
the One in whom we put our hope.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jessica

One: Merciful God,

We fret when life is hard. It’s difficult to follow Jesus’s
greatest commandments to love God and to love our
neighbors.

When we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred,
and prejudice to cloud our spirits,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: When we have turned our hearts from those in need,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: When we have put you to the test,

All: Have mercy, O God.

One: When we have been stubborn and lacked forgiveness.

All: Have mercy, O God.

One: When we have been merciless with others,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: Make us people of courage. Help us care for those more
vulnerable than we are. In our awareness of your
awesome power and steadfast love,

**All: let us dedicate our lives in your service.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God has touched our hardened hearts with compassionate care, God has bound up our wounds and strengthened our souls. God's love is poured out for you. Rejoice that you are forgiven in the name of the blessed and holy Trinity. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Hymn: "Lord I Thank You" by Yancy

A Time for Discovery

Children's Church

Pastor: Now receive the blessing from your church family who loves you:

Adults: **The Lord be with you!**

Children: **And also with you!**

All of our children are now invited to go to Children's Church!

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Acts 9:1-9 Marge Bailey

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-34 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: "Cheap Confidence" Pastor Jessica

Special Music: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
(NCH 23)

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 Foodbags

Hymn: "God Be With You" (NCH # 81)

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
Marge Bailey	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

March 27, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Theme – Entering the Stone

Scripture: Psalm 139:7-16; Mark 4:26-29

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$1,045.00

Attendance: 21

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

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

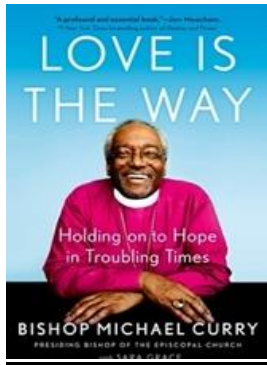
- While masks are no longer required, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask while inside the building, particularly if you are unvaccinated or immunocompromised.

- 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!



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Sunday, March 27, 2022

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