



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022
10:45 a.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

“Reborn in the Dark”

**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 – Sue Myers

**Gathering Music – “Let Me Enter God’s Own Dwelling”
(NCH # 67, v 1, 3 & 4)**

***Call to Worship**

Sue Myers

One: God is with us in all times, in all places,
All: **no matter who we are.**

One: The love of God moves over us and flows around us,

All: **lifting us in hope.**

One: We have come here to become better disciples of Jesus.

All: **Make us ready to serve you, O God.**

One: We have come here to sing praises to God.

All: **Let us worship the one who planted us, rooted us,
and sends us!**

Call to Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jessica

One: Patient God,
You know who we are.

All: **You know our hearts.**

One: When we let frustrations with the world overshadow our
love for one another,

All: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

One: When our hearts buckle under the weight of anger and
confusion,

All: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

One: When we turn away from you and drift toward false
comforts,

All: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

One: When we seek revenge instead of justice; war instead of
peace,

All: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

One: When we say, “Surely, darkness shall cover me, and the
light around us will become night,”

All: **Remind us, O Lord, that “even darkness is not dark to
you. Night is as bright as day, for darkness is as light
to you.”**

One: Help us to remember that it was you who made us, and it
is you who knit us together in a web of mutual
compassion and justice as your beloved community.
Make us into disciples of peace and compassion. In the
name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Let go of false comforts, fear, doubt, and unholy anger. God's love pours out onto you, in you, and through you to others. Be at peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Hymn: "All The Things from Out of This World"
by Yancy

A Time for Discovery

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Psalm 139: 7-16 Sue Myers

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-29 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: "The Way Out is In" Pastor Jessica

Special Music: "Glorious Is Your Name, O Jesus"
(NCH 53)

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: "Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way"
(NCH #465, v. 1, 2, 4)

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
Sue Myers	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

April 3, 2022 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Theme – Wrestling with Belief

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-30; Luke 22:29-44

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$1,900.50

Attendance: 34

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

May Newsletters - Monday, April 18

Meeting Dates Zoom

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.

Food Bags for Backpacks

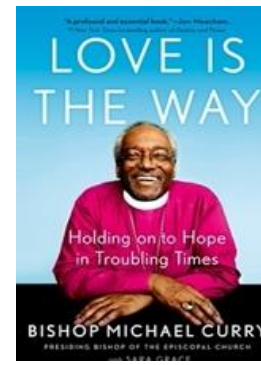
Trinity UCC continues our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark “Food Bags” on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your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

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!



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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