

**Trinity United Church
of Christ
First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022
10:45 a.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“God in the Darkness”

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 – Jackie Nave

Gathering Music –

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

***Call to Worship** (based on Ps. 112, Ex. 13) Jackie Nave

One: The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with
you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Blessed are those who fear the Lord:

All: who are gracious, compassionate, and just.

One: Who look for the Light of God in the darkness;

**All: and hear the voice of the Holy One in the midst of the
clouds.**

One: Let us worship the God of night as well as day:

All: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jessica

One: Let us confess our sins before God.

In this wilderness season of Lent, O Holy One, we come
to you, When we have not loved you with all our heart,
soul, mind and strength,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: When we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: When we have ignored the suffering of the stranger,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: When we have contributed to the plight of the poor,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: When we have not visited the prisoner,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: When we have been unforgiving,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: When we have oppressed others and refused to welcome
the refugee,

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: For all the times we have missed the mark,

**All: We seek your forgiveness, Gracious and loving God.
Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: In the image of a gracious, compassionate, and just God, you are made. In the shadows of the wilderness, you are not alone. In the name of the blessed and holy Trinity, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Hymn:

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: Exodus 13:17-21

Jackie Nave

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

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: "Cloudy with a Chance of Holy Presence"

Pastor Jessica

Special Music: "I Love to Tell the Story"

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 Great Thanksgiving Lent

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You brought all things into being and called them good.
From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image
And breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
Your love remained steadfast.
When rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights
You bore up the ark on the waters,
Saved Noah and his family,
And established an everlasting covenant
With every living creature upon the earth.

When you delivered us from slavery
And made us your covenant people,
You led Moses to your mountain
For forty days and forty nights
And gave us your teachings.
You led us through the wilderness
And fed us manna for forty years
And brought us to the promised land.

When we forsook your covenant,
You led your prophet Elijah to your mountain,
Where, as he fasted forty days and forty nights,
He heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your son Jesus Christ,
When you gave him to save us from ourselves,
Your Spirit led him into the wilderness,
Where he fasted forty days and forty nights
In preparation for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on the cross,
You raised him to life,
Presented him alive to the apostles during forty days,
And exalted him at your right hand.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the
Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly Paschal
feast
Of your Son's death and resurrection,
You lead us to repentance
And the cleansing of our hearts,
That during these forty days of Lent
We may be gifted and graced
To renew the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body,
which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come
again.**

Pour out your holy spirit on us gathered here
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes again in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer After Communion

You have given yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love has made us new people.
As a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts.

Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

WE GO FORTH

*Carrying the Light into the World

* Benediction

* **Postlude**

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

Worship Notes and Resources:

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Leadership

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

March 13, 2022 – Second Sunday in Lent

Theme – Dark Emotions

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:4-11; Matthew 11:28-30

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$1,159.00

Attendance: 45

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



**Don't forget to change your clocks
Saturday, March 12th!**



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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

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

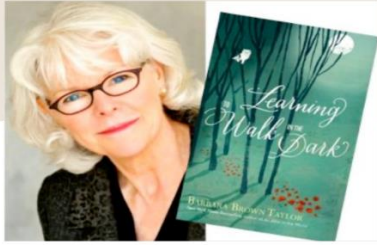
Trinity UCC continues our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark "Food Bags" on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your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

LENTEN BOOK STUDY



Thursdays at 7pm on ZOOM
MARCH 3-APRIL 7

Beginning THIS Thursday, we will meet weekly 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, or usher, 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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