

**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022
10:45 a.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Rooted and Blooming!”

**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**

Greeting *Pastor Jessica*

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.

Siblings in Christ: On this most holy day in which
Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the
church to celebrate his triumph and resurrection. We join with
the whole company of God’s people in heaven and on earth in

recalling and celebrating his victory over death, and our
deliverance from the bondage of sin.

Hear the Word of God: “In the beginning was the
Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... in
him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray
Eternal Creator of life,

We have walked through the wilderness of
lent and been blessed by its sacred darkness. Now
we turn toward the light and celebrate the
resurrection of your son, through whom you have
bestowed life upon all the world. Sanctify this new
fire, that our hearts and minds would desire to
shine forth with the brightness of Christ’s rising,
and to feast at the heavenly banquet; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Procession

Processional Hymn: **“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
(NCH 233)**

Easter Proclamation:

Robert Miller

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God
forever and ever.

All: Jesus Christ, our king is risen, Alleluia!

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Pastor Jessica

One: The light of Christ rises in glory,

All: Overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

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: Isaiah 65:17-25 Robert Miller

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 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 Weight of the Blooms" *Pastor Jessica*

Special Music: "Because He Lives"

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Hymn: "Hallelujah"

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

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: 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.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. 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.

All: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

One: 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 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 forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Elements

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things have been made ready.

Congregation is called forward by ushers.

Please drop your nail into the basket before taking your elements.

Then carry elements back to your seats to eat and drink.

Prayer After Communion

Special Performance: *The Lord's Prayer* (performed by Trinity's Youth Club)

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 this next week:

April 24, 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter

Baptism

Theme – Life Giving Faith

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-31

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$961.00

Attendance: 33

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 25

Meeting Dates Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, May 4, @ 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.

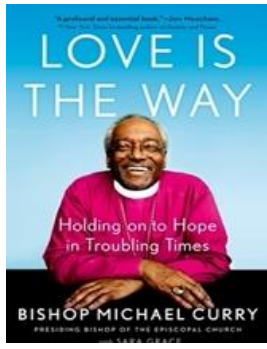
- You are welcome to sing in worship, however, we ask that family groups remain socially distanced from one another in order to limit exposure.

We appreciate everyone’s understanding these last two years of pandemic and joyfully look forward to what’s to come!

**Join Trinity Youth Club
Sunday, April 24 after worship
for an Earth Day event!**

**We will have lunch, take a mindfulness nature walk,
and plant seeds in celebration and gratitude for the
gift of God's creation.**

All are welcome!



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.

Christian Education

Fund Raiser

SAVE THE DATE

Community Shred Event

The community shred event hosted by Manchester Trinity United Church of Christ is on **Thursday, May 12 from 5-7 pm** at the church.



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!

Rock Garden

It's time to get creative!

We are running low on kindness rocks in our rock garden. Please take a rock or two (found downstairs by the front door) to paint and add to our popular rock garden.



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