

**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Second Sunday of Easter
“Baptism”
April 24, 2022
10:45 a.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Doubt and Faith”

**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**

**Gathering Music: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(NCH 43)**

***Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 150) *Leslie Brooks*

One: Praise the Lord!
All: Praise God in the sanctuary.
One: Praise God in the vault of heaven.
All: Praise God in the earth and skies.
One: Sing praises to the Lord.
All: Shout and sing praises to God.
One: We have witnessed God’s mighty acts.
All: We have seen the Lord’s greatness.
One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.
**All: Let everything that draws breath
praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer (based on John 20) *Pastor Jessica*

Open our hearts today, O Holy One,, to feel the love you have for us and to be strengthened by your Spirit. Help us to listen with our whole selves for your words of compassion and healing. Remind us that even though we sometimes need to see to believe, your love abides. Enable us to become more faithful disciples of you; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children’s Song: Praise the Lord Every Day by Yancy

A Time for Discovery

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Galatians 3:23-29 *Leslie Brooks*

Gospel Reading: John 20: 20:19-31 *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: “Relatable Faith”

Pastor Jessica

The Sacrament of Baptism

Harper Hemlock

Welcome

Pastor: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant and said to them,

People: Let the little Children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.

Pastor: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Address

Pastor: Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. “I ought to be baptized by you,” John said, “Yet you have come to me!”

People: Jesus said, “Let it be so for now. For in this way, we shall do all that God requires.” So John agreed.

Pastor: As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and lighting on him.

People: The voice said from heaven, “This is my own dear Son with whom I am well pleased.”

Pastor: At another time, Jesus said: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The sacrament of baptism is an outward sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ’s church, the sign and seal of their participation in God’s forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**People: This is the water of baptism.
Out of this water we rise with new life,
forgiven of sin,
and one in Christ,
members of one body.**

Questions of the Parents

Congregational Assent

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

The Apostle’s Creed

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Anointing with Chrism

New White Garment

The Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

Covenant Letter

Special Music: “This Little Light of Mine”

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 Food Bags

Announcements

Hymn: Sweet, Sweet Spirit (NCH 293)

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
Leslie Brooks	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

May 1, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter

“Guest Preacher: Lucy Brady”

Scripture: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$3,285.50

Attendance: 66

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$70.00

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

PPR – Wednesday, May 11, @ 7pm

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

Join Trinity Youth Club

Today 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!

Food Bags for Backpacks

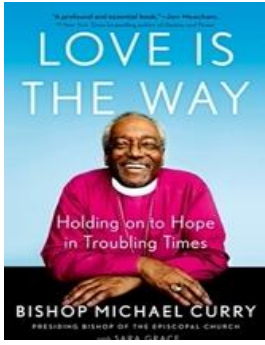
Trinity UCC continues our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark “Food Bags” on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your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

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.

HELP WANTED!



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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