



**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 3, 2022  
10:45 a.m.  
In-Person Worship  
FB Live Streaming**

## **“Wrestling with Belief”**

**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 – “This is the Day” (NCH #84)**

**\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 13 & Gen.32) Sue Myers**

**One:** Sometimes we wonder, “How long, O Lord, must we  
wrestle within ourselves?”

**All:** **Yet we know God is faithful.**

**One:** Sometimes we wonder, “How long, O Lord, must we have  
sorrow in our hearts?”

**All:** **Yet we know God is trustworthy.**

**One:** Sometimes we wonder, “How long, O Lord, must we  
wrestle with you?”

**All:** **Yet we know God will help us overcome.**

**One:** Let us worship God!

### **Call to Confession**

**One:** Let us silently confess our sins before the one who helps  
us overcome.

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Pastor Jessica*

*Silent prayer.*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**One:** Even when we are wrestling with God, we need not be  
afraid, for God is still with us. God still made us. God still  
loves us. In the name of the blessed and holy Trinity, you  
are forgiven.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

### **Children’s Hymn:**

### **A Time for Discovery**

### **Trinity Youth**

**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 young people are now invited to go to Trinity  
Youth time!

## WE PROCLAIM

**First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30** Sue Myers

**Gospel Reading: Luke 22:39-44** *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:** "Going to the Mattresses" *Pastor Jessica*

### **Special Music:**

#### **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**

**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.

**Help us to glorify you in all things.**

Hymn: "Amazing Grace" (NCH # 547) vs. 1-3

## 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 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday

Theme – The Both/And of Faith

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-10, 31; Luke 19:28-40

April 14, 2022 – Maundy–Thursday 7 p.m.

Holy Communion

Theme – A New Commandment

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### Children's Church for the month of April

April 3,2022: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Leslie Brooks Continuing on with the 40 Days of Lent activities

April 10,2022: Palm/Passion Sunday

Leslie Brooks The Holy Week Journey

April 17,2022: Easter Sunday

Amy Schultz He is Risen.

### Budget Information:

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

**Giving for last week: General: \$1,305.00**

Attendance: 26

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

Worship Committee – Tuesday, April 12, @ 6 pm

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

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

### **Food Bags for Backpacks**

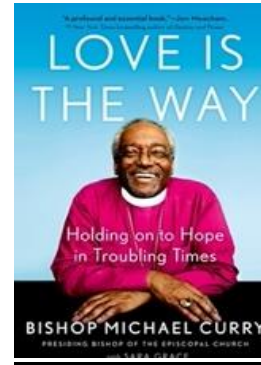
Trinity UCC continues our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark “Food Bags” on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your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