



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Baptism”

May 15, 2022

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

“Disciples Together”

**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: “Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing”
(NCH 303)**

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 67) Sue Myers

One: God is gracious to us and blesses us,

All: God’s face shines upon us!

One: Our God is a God of equity and guidance,

All: We praise you in gladness and joy!

One: We gather in thanksgiving for the love of the one who
created us.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jessica

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

(silence)

Holy and living God,

who teaches us through your Spirit

to live out the commands of Christ,

remind us that, the peace you give us,

should be the peace we give others.

Help us sustain our belief,

love one another,

and be good to all those who cross our path.

Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you

And the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (NCH 1)

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Sue Myers

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

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:

Pastor Jessica

The Sacrament of Baptism

O'Neil Rivera

Greeting

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 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.

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 was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him.

People: Then a 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."

Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united to Jesus Christ and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. Baptism is the visible sign of an invisible event: the reconciliation of people to God. It shows the death of self and the rising to a life of obedience and praise. It shows also the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those whom God has chosen. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal

of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always."

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 Christ's body.

Questions of the Candidate

Congregational Assent

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

Anointing with Chrism

The New White Garment

The Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

Covenant Letter

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 Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (NCH 403)

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 next week:

May 22, 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme – Mental Health Sunday

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$

Attendance:

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$

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

June Newsletters - Monday, May 23

Meeting Dates Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, June 1 @ 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

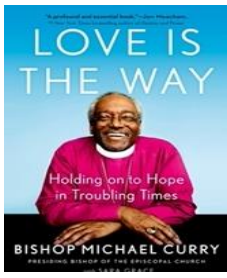
Trinity UCC continues our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark "Food Bags" on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your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

We will meet on May 5th at 7pm to discuss the book via Zoom.

Please let Pastor Jessica know if you need the link! Next book will be announced at this meeting.

Invitation

Saturday, May 21, 2022

3:00 pm

Trinity UCC

Installation of

Rev. Jessica M. Ashcroft-Townsley

Communion will be served.

A reception will follow the service.



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.

**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!



*Worship
in the Park*

Worship in the Park on June 5

The service begins at 10:45 am, followed by the annual church picnic (More details to follow in the bulletin.)



Summer Worship Hours Begin on **June 12**
@10:00 a.m. (Children's Church TBA)

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