



**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
May 8, 2022  
10:45 a.m.  
In-Person Worship  
FB Live Streaming**

**“Mothering God”**

**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: “I Woke Up This Morning” (NCH 85)**

**\*Call to Worship** (Written by Joanna Harder, *Spacious Faith*)  
Amy Schultz

One: In the darkest valley,  
**All: at the banquet table;**  
One: in the hard work of life,  
**All: at the moments of ease;**  
One: in our day-to-day reality,  
**All: at times set aside—**  
Ones: like this time, now—  
**All: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;**  
One: with every step we take:  
**All: goodness and mercy follow us;  
our cups overflow.**

**Opening Prayer (Unison)**

*Pastor Jessica*

**Loving Shepherd,  
you know our names;  
you care for us.  
When we face darkness and death,  
walk beside us.  
When we hunger for your love,  
fill us with your presence.  
When we are fearful,  
feed us at your table.  
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy  
all the days of our lives. Amen.**

(Written by: Mary Petrina Boyd, Ministry Matters)

**Children’s Song:**

**A Time for Discovery**

**WE PROCLAIM**

**First Reading: Isaiah 66:12-13** Amy Schultz

**Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30** 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: "Like a Mother"** 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 Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

**Announcements**

**Hymn: Blessed Assurance (NCH 473)**

**Mothering Sunday Blessing**

**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
Amy Schultz	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:**

**May 15, 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Theme – Disciples Together**

**Scripture: Acts 16:9-15; John 14:23-29**

**\*Baptism**

### **Budget Information:**

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

### **Giving for last week: General: \$1,296.70**

Attendance: 23

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

June Newsletters - Monday, May 23

### **Meeting Dates Zoom**

Worship Committee – Tuesday, May 10 @ 6pm

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.

### **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!

### **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.

### ***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.**

**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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