



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**
January 1, 2023
10:45 a.m.
New Year's Day
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

First Sunday after Christmas Day

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 David Holland

Welcome Robert Miller

Opening Hymn: We Are Often Tossed and Driven
(#444 NCH)

***Call to Worship**

Robert Miller

One: Sing a new song to the Holy One! Emmanuel reigns!!
**Many: Mighty God, we gather to consider your marvelous
works.**

One: Sing a new song to the Holy One! Emmanuel reigns!!
**Many: Wonderful Counselor, we gather to delight in your
revelation.**

One: Sing a new song to the Holy One! Emmanuel reigns!!
**Many: Prince of Peace, we gather to become messengers of
your good news.**

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Robert Miller

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Eternal God, you have made all things beautiful, yet all too often our attention is arrested by the ugliness of the world. The cruelty of humanity toward one another and creation overwhelms us in its depth and persistence. So often we revel in acrimony and discord and reject the beloved community you invite us to join and co-create with you. We pursue power and popularity over your presence. But you enter into our lives with good news, redeeming hope, and contagious joy. Help us to choose your way every day as we do this day. Let the beauty of Christmas be the good news that carries us and empowers us toward new life in you. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Song:

Children and teens are invited to go to Trinity Youth Club

WE PROCLAIM

Scriptures and Homilies (Video provided by the Central Atlantic Conference)

Joys and Concerns Robert Miller

Prayers of the People Robert Miller

Invitation to Offering

***Doxology (sung)**

**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 Robert Miller

Hymn: Go Tell it on the Mountain (#154 NCH)

WE GO FORTH

***Carrying the Light into the World**

*** Benediction** Robert Miller

"The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

Go in hope, peace, joy, and love...to continue to spread the beauty of Christmas.

*** Postlude** Instrumental music performed David Holland

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: [2809801](#)

Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
David Holland	Director of Music
Robert Miller	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

January 8, 2023 – Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Guest Preacher: Rev. Lucy Brady

Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of the month.

See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or

wsmdem@comcast.net

Budget Information:

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

Giving for December 18, 2022: \$2025.50

Attendance: 37 Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00

Giving for Christmas Eve: \$2,915.00

Attendance: 62

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

January Newsletters - Monday, Dec.19

Meeting Dates Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, Jan. 4 @ 7pm

Worship Comm - Wednesday, Jan. 11 @ 6pm

PPR – Wednesday, January 18 @7pm

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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



Faithful Five

Each Thursday, be on the lookout for Pastor Jessica's weekly "Faithful Five" devotional time to be shared via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC



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!

Trinity UCC Covid Protocol

Masks are now optional while inside the building.

If you are sick, please care for others by wearing a mask and/or keeping a distance.

We appreciate everyone's understanding!



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree

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