



Trinity United Church of Christ

January 15, 2023
10:45 a.m.

**Holy Communion
Second Sunday
After Epiphany
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

Come and See

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

Pastor Jessica

**Gathering Music: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
(#489 NCH)**

***Call to Worship** *Sue Myers*
(with gratitude to Ruth Moody and the Wailin’ Jennys)

Leader: There are no words for what this testimony means
only the wonder at how it feels like grace.

**People: We celebrate the prophets and visionaries;
in story and song, we awaken to the sound of one
voice.**

Leader: There is no way to know what this following will take
only the hope that it is leading us deeper into the heart
of love.

**People: We cherish the risk-takers and the tide-turners:
in prayer and praise, we witness to the sound of
voices two.**

Leader: There is no telling when the struggle will end,
only the faith in a future we cannot yet behold.

**People: We become the movement and the liberation:
in worship and wrestling, we create the sound of all
of us.**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life *Pastor Jessica*

In this moment of stillness,
feel for the rhythm of your own pulse
listen to the cadence of your own breath.

[pause]

When we lose touch with our own flourishing,
Holy One, forgive us, reconnect us.

In this moment of stillness,
feel for the rhythm of another one’s pulse
listen to the cadence of another one’s breath

[pause]

When we lose touch with the celebrations and struggles
of our neighbors,
Holy One, forgive us, reconnect us.

In this moment of stillness,
feel for the rhythm of the pulse of justice for all
listen to the cadence of the breath of love

[pause]

When we lose touch with our collective liberation,
Holy One, forgive us, reconnect us.

Words of Grace

Leader: Thrill and rejoice, people of God:
God's grace and love meet us at every turn,
no matter where our journeys lead.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: Praise God who gives us each the chance
to be epiphanies of redeeming love and liberating
justice.**

Passing of the Peace

A Time for Discovery

We Invite the Children to Participate in Children's Time

Children may come forward

Pastor: Now receive the blessings from your church family who
loves you:

Congregation: The Lord be with you...

Children: And also with you

Children are invited to go to Christian Education Classroom

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Sue Myers

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42 *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: What are You Looking For? *Pastor Jessica*

Special Music:

Ordination or a Deacon and the Installation of Elders and Deacons

Affirmation of Ministry

Pastor: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local
church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the
diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular
ministry of each person in the life of the church or in
various settings in the world.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same
Spirit gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving, but the
same God is served.**

Pastor: There are different abilities to perform service, but
the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular
service.

**People: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way
in each person for the good of all.**

Presentation

Pastor: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us.

They have accepted their call and wish to continue.

They stand before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Covenant

Pastor: (Leslie Brooks, Belva LaMotte, Debra Miller, Robert Miller, Sue Myers, Doug Rhoten, Amy Shultz)

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to continue to serve, with the help of God, in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Deacons and Elders: I am.

Pastor: Do you promise to keep exercising your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Deacons and Elders: I do, relying on God's grace.

Pastor: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our leaders. Let us affirm our intention to live in ongoing covenant with them.

People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be faithful to our call as Christ's church.

Prayer

People: Amen.

Commission and Blessing

Pastor: Let your lives testify to the goodness of God. Give God glory and majesty and power.

All: We are witnesses from this beloved community. May we all respond to God's call to embrace others in Christ's name. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

(with quotes from Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution by Martin Luther King, Jr.)

"All life is interrelated" – Praise!

"We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality" – Praise!

"We are tied in a single garment of destiny" – Praise!

The Great Thanksgiving (EPIPHANY)

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: 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.**

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.

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.

Announcements

Pastor Jessica

Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (#293 NCH)

WE GO FORTH

***Carrying the Light into the World**

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude** Instrumental music performed David Holland

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI
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Leadership

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

January 22, 2023 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 12:23

Theme: Follow Me

**Join Pastor Jessica next Sunday at 10 a.m. for coffee
hour.**

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

Your end of year statements are in the Narthex.
Please take them with you today!

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: \$1,806.50

Attendance: 24

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$261.00

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

February Newsletters - Monday, Jan. 23

Meeting Dates Zoom

Worship Committee – Tuesday, January 17 @ 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

Sunday, January 29th

Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon

We will have our annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon after Sunday worship.

You are asked to contribute as follows:

Last name begins with A – J: meat

Last name begins with K – O: dessert

Last name begins with P – Z: veggie/side dish



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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