



Trinity United Church of Christ

January 22, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Third Sunday

After Epiphany

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

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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: How Can I Say Thanks (#14 NCH)

*Call to Worship

Jackie Nave Kulp

One: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in public spaces and our interior lives.

Many: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.

One: We seek God’s face on Sunday mornings and evenings...and throughout the week.

Many: Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.

One: We call out for God’s grace, strength, and guidance.

Many: Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God’s greatness.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Pastor Jessica

Sovereign God, how often do we turn toward ourselves or others for validation, salvation, and deliverance rather than seek your wisdom, will, and way? How often have we sought our own measure of greatness apart from the realm of your kingdom? How long have you waited for us to seek you? Forgive us, O God, and call us back to your presence, plan, and purpose.

Words of Grace

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Song

A Time for Discovery

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 Jackie Nave Kulp

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23 *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: Leave Your Nets *Pastor Jessica*

Special Music:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing of the Food Bags

Announcements *Pastor Jessica*

Hymn: I Serve a Risen Savior vs. 1 & 3
(#158 Hymns for the Living Church)

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 License number: 2809801

Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
David Holland	Director of Music
Jackie Nave Kulp	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

January 29, 2023 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

Theme: Blessings and Humility

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 last week: \$1,300.50

Attendance: 29

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

February Newsletters - Monday, Jan. 23

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

Meeting Dates Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, February 1 @ 7pm

Worship Committee – Thursday, February 16 @ 6pm

PPR – TBA

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

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 dis

Stewardship Moment Volunteers

Do you give back to your church community? Are you willing to share why it's so important to you? Starting next week and for the following 3 Sundays, we will have Stewardship Moments during worship. Won't you share your stewardship testimony? Please contact Pastor Jessica (pastortucc@gmail.com) for more details.



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

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!

**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!



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

Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information

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Vice President – Doug Rhoten

Secretary – Debra Miller

Treasurer – Sue Myers

Assistant Treasurer – Debra Miller

