



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**
January 29, 2023
10:45 a.m.
Fourth Sunday
After Epiphany
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

“Blessings and Humility”

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 Must Tell Jesus All of My Trials*
(#437 Hymns for the living church)

***Call to Worship**

MB Brainerd

One: People of God, who do you come to worship?

All: **We come to worship the one true God.**

One: How will you worship?

All: **Not with words alone, but by living lives
of justice and love.**

One: Come, you who belong to God.

Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

All: **Come and abide in God’s tent and in God’s heart,
now and forever.**

Opening Prayer

(unison)

Pastor Jessica

Loving God,

we come this morning

seeking to abide in your presence.

Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,
that we may know how to live as your people.

Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,
that we may love all your people with a love
that speaks of justice, kindness,
and radical grace.

May this time of worship

be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Song

A Time for Discovery

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

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: Lion or Panda? *Pastor Jessica*

Apostle's Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Pastor Jessica

Hymn: *We Praise Thee, O God*

(#358 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:

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Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley

Pastor

David Holland

Director of Music

MB Brainerd

Lay Reader

Deb Persinger

Worship Committee

Sandy Sanders

Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

February 5, 2023 – 5th Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12; Matt. 5:13-20

Guest Preacher: Rev. Lucy Brady

**Communion will be celebrated*

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: \$1,022.00

Attendance:34

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$360.00

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

March Newsletters - Monday, Feb. 20

Meeting Dates Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, February 1 @ 7pm

Worship Committee – Thursday, February 16 @ 6pm

PPR – Wednesday, March 22 @ 7pm

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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

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

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