



Trinity United Church of Christ

January 8, 2023

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

The Baptism of Christ

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 Hannah Matthews

Welcome

(Leslie Brooks)

***Call to Worship**

Leslie Brooks

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness
the peoples,

***People: but the Lord will arise upon you, and God’s glory
will appear over you.***

Leader: Nations shall come to your light and kings to the
brightness of your dawn.

***People: Lift up your eyes and look around; your sons and
your daughters shall come from far away,***

***All: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill
and rejoice,***

Star Stories

Pastor Lucy

Anyone who brought the Star they received last year is invited to
come and share what their star word meant.

Sadie and O’Neil will be in the back with Star words for 2024 at
the end of the service

Opening Prayer

Leslie Brooks

God of all righteousness,
we need the life and grace
that you alone can give.

Open the heavens to us
and pour out your Holy Spirit
so that we may live as your beloved children; through Jesus
Christ our Savior.

Hymn: “Arise Your Light Has Come”

(#164 NCH)

Confession

Pastor Lucy

Private Confession

Pastor: Let us confess those things that separate us from one another and from our God

Let us confess as a community

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart.

**We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves,
We are truly sorry and humbly repent and ask for your forgiveness.**

In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in peace.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: and also with you.

Pastor: Offer one another a sign of God's peace among us.

(Members of the congregation offer the peace to one another.)

A Story for the Child in All of Us

"Turn on the Light"

Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Leslie Brooks

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11

Pastor Lucy

Sermon "Come to the Waters"

Pastor Lucy

Special Music

"Take Me to the Water" (NCH #321)

(As we sing, the two newest baptized members, Sadie Yingling and O'Neil Rivera will prepare us to renew our baptism promises)

RENEWING OUR BAPTISM PROMISES

Pouring Water

Responsive Reading

Leader: Our God created new life forms and brought them up from the waters of chaos, embraced them, and called them good.

People: Jesus, baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist, became living water for us and holds all of us.

Leader: Jesus embraces those who are poor, oppressed, marginalized and all others who come seeking.

People: We follow Jesus with our Baptism, marking a starting place for new life and new ways of being.

All: We join Jesus in love and service.

Let us prepare our hearts to see, feel, and hear the vows of Baptism once again. (UCC Book of Worship)

Reaffirming Our Baptism

Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your Baptism?

I do.

Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?

I do.

Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?

I do.

Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day?

I do

Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God?

I do.

In renewing your baptismal vows, remember your Baptism as a mark of acceptance and welcome into the care of Christ's church where you may begin again your Christian faith and life.

All who are able may come forward, dip finger in the water and touch their forehead as they remember and renew their Baptism Promises.

If you are unable to come forward someone will bring you some water.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Creator Spirit, who in the beginning hovered over the waters, and at Jesus' baptism descended in the form of a dove; who at Pentecost was poured out under the signs of fire and wind; come to us.

Open our hearts and minds for the life-giving word in the covenant of baptism, so that we may listen and be renewed by your power.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Prayer

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 (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.**

Announcements

Leslie Brooks

Hymn: "Joy to the World" (#132 NCH)

WE GO FORTH

***Carrying the Light into the World**

*** Benediction**

And now, from the One who is indeed the giver of all good gifts: go and share what God has given you; go and proclaim that God's love is here; go in the power of God's Spirit to make all things new.

*** Postlude**

Thanks to Hannah Matthews for playing our music today!

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: 2809801

Prayers for Baptism of Christ Sunday was written by the Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is a retired clergy and a former pastor in the Catocin Association..
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Leadership

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Guest Pastor
Guest Accompanist
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

January 15, 2023 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Theme: Come and See

**Installation of Consistory Members*

**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: \$1,755.00

Attendance:14

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 11 @ 7pm

Worship Comm - Wednesday, Jan. 11 @ 6pm

PPR – Wednesday, January 18 @7pm

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

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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