

Trinity United Church of Christ

February 12, 2023:45
a.m.

**Sixth Sunday
After Epiphany
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Growing Pains”

**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: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
(The Negro National Anthem)

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 119)** Sue Myers

One: Happy are those who seek God in all things,
who turn from wrong and walk with God.

All: **Happy are those who know God’s love,
and live with joy.**

One: Happy are those who share praise
with a heart of pure love.

All: **Happy are those who know God’s love,
and live with joy.**

Opening Prayer (based on Psalm 119, Matthew 5)

Pastor Jessica

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith,
and guard us against the powers
that would draw us away from your love.
Help us live according to your commandments,
that we might live long in the land
you have prepared for us.
Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart
and guide us to walk in your ways,
that we may carry out the vows
of the covenant we share.
May our words and deeds
bring life and faith to others,
as we hold fast to the gift of faith.
Be near us each and every day,
and bless us with your light,
that our days may be filled with grace. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Song

A Time for Discovery

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Sue Myers

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37 *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: Growing Pains *Pastor Jessica*

Special Music:

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Stewardship Moment Sue Myers

***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 Prayer Shawls

Announcements Pastor Jessica

Hymn: "We Shall Overcome"

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
Sue Myers	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

February 19, 2023 – Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18; Matt. 17:1-9

Theme: Faith and Fear

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: \$2,130.00

Attendance:23

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

March Newsletters - Monday, Feb. 20

Meeting Dates Zoom

Worship Committee – Thursday, February 16 @ 6pm

Consistory – Wednesday, March 1 @ 7pm

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.

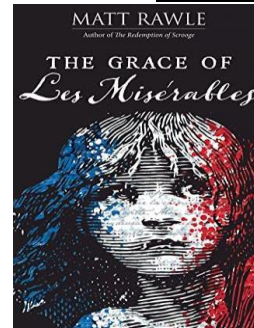
Trinity UCC Covid Protocol

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!

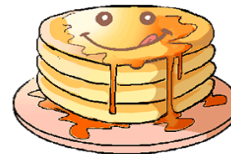
Lenten Worship Series and Bible Study!



Join us throughout the season of Lent for a study of *The Grace of Les Misérables* based on the book by Matthew Rawle.

- We will kick off on **Sunday, February 19th** with a *screening* of the 2012 film following worship.
- Starting on the 1st Sunday of Lent, **February 26**, our worship services will carry the themes of Les Mis as a common thread each week.
- Our bible study group will meet **Thursdays March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30** at 7pm via Zoom and close our study after worship on Palm Sunday (**April 2**) **IN PERSON** with a meal following worship.

If you would like a book, please see Pastor Jessica and she will be happy to get one for you.



Shrove Tuesday

Hope you can join us for the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake/Sausage Dinner **February 21** from 5 to 7 pm.

We will be serving pancakes, sausage, applesauce, orange juice & coffee.

Belva LaMotte Fellowship Committee



Ash Wednesday

“Remember you are dust...”

To participate in Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) this year, we will offer two options for receiving ashes:

- Pastor Jessica will be available outside at Trinity at lunch hour (**noon**) for a drive-thru blessing and imposition of ashes, *or*
- Join us at 7pm for a brief worship service.



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



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

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Assistant Treasurer – Debra Miller

