

# Trinity United Church of Christ

February 19, 2023

10:45 a.m.

**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**In-Person Worship**  
**FB Live Streaming**

## “Faith and Fear”

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

Welcome

Pastor Jessica

Gathering Music: “Rejoice, the Lord is King!”  
(NCH 303) all verses

**\*Call to Worship** (*inspired by Psalm 99*) Jackie Nave Kulp

One: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Holy One.

**Many: The Holy One is high on the mountain and exalted among the people.**

One: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Mighty One.

**Many: The Mighty God is sovereign, loves justice, and establishes equity.**

One: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Everlasting God.

**Many: The Everlasting God hears our cries and answers our call. Praise our God!**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life** *Pastor Jessica*

Righteous God, we find ourselves wanting to retreat from the harsh realities of life. We can find ourselves lifted to high places and forget those we have left behind. Our concern for our neighbor too often dissipates at the point of our discomfort. Forgive us for wanting to dwell in your presence without being transformed with new energy for the work of your ministry. Amen.

**Words of Grace**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Children’s Song: Praise the Lord Every Day**  
(Yancy and the Little Praise Party)

**A Time for Discovery**

## WE PROCLAIM

**First Reading:** Exodus 24:12-18 Jackie Nave Kulp

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17:1-9 *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:** Ain't No Mountain *Pastor Jessica*

**Special Music**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Stewardship Moment** Leslie Brooks

**\*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: "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"  
(NCH 182) all verses**

## WE GO FORTH

**\*Carrying the Light into the World**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude** Instrumental music

### Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: [2809801](#)

### Leadership

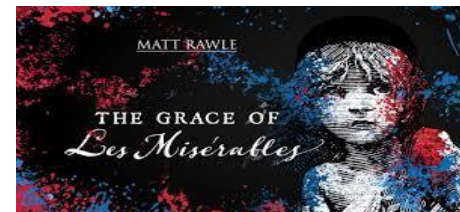
Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
Jackie Nave Kulp	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

**February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6; 16-21



The Grace of *Les Misérables*

**February 26, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Theme: Grace Received

Scriptures: 1 Cor. 1:18-25; Matt 4:1-11



Join Pastor Jessica Sunday, February 26 at 10 a.m. for coffee hour.

### Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.  
Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or  
[wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net)

### Budget Information:

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

### **Giving for last week: \$1,476.00**

Attendance: 28

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

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.

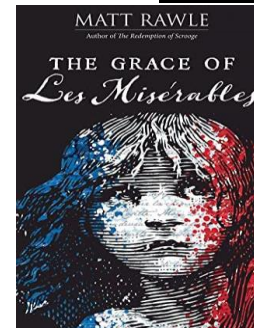
### Trinity UCC Covid Protocol

**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!**

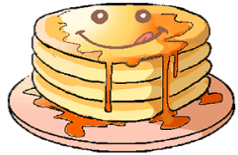
### Lenten Worship Series and Bible Study!



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 19<sup>th</sup>** with a *screening* of the 2012 film following worship.
- Starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>) 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](http://www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC)

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