



Trinity United Church of Christ

February 5, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Fifth Sunday

After Epiphany

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (#28 NCH)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life.

Pastor Lucy

A moment of silence for private prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, although you have come to us in Jesus, we confess that we often refuse to receive you. We live in the world, as if we did not know you and we limit our love with safe boundaries. We often build walls rather than bridges,

All: Forgive us God, and give us hearts to love and serve you. Write your Word with in us. Make yourself known to us as we live each day.

We pray in Jesus Name. Amen.

Words of Grace

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.

A Story for the Child in All of Us

“Where is Your Light?”

Pastor: Now receive the blessing from your church family who loves you:

Adults: **The Lord be with you!**

Children: **And also with you**

All of our children are now invited to go to Children’s Church!

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

Hannah Matthews guest organist

Welcome Pastor Lucy

Call to Worship: Psalm 1:1-3

Robert Miller

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

People: But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

WE PROCLAIM

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Robert Miller

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Pastor Lucy

Sermon What Is God Doing Here? Pastor Lucy

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements Robert Miller

Invitation to Offering

Stewardship Moment Sandy Sanders

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**

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 Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (#330 NCH)

Invitation

Jesus' gospel is a gospel of love and we who follow him are called to live out that love. Jesus invites us to a meal, a simple meal of bread and wine.

"Come" he says, Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong but because you

are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you the right, but because you need mercy and help. **COME**

The Great Thanksgiving

We thank you Holy One for your gift of creation. We thank you for creating us in your image and declaring that we are good. We bless you that when we turn away from you, you seek us out and offer us the gift of forgiveness. Then you set us on a new path of life and hope.

We remember and give thanks for all the saints: our Mothers and Fathers of faith who shared the gospel with us, The Prophets, Apostles, and martyrs who gave their lives for the gospel.

We thank you that in time, you sent Jesus to live as one of us. He was obedient to your law and your word even to death on a cross. We bless you that death was not the final word for Jesus. You rose him from the grave and he ascended into heaven To remain with you.

We are thankful that you did not abandon us, but that you sent us your Holy Spirit to be our comfort and guide.

And so, we praise you saying,

All: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Glory be to you, O God Most High"

We remember and tell the story.

On the night when Jesus was betrayed, he sat at table with his friends. He took bread blessed it, broke it and gave it to them saying,

"This is my body which is broken for you. Do this as often as you need in remembrance of me remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper, he took a cup and after giving thanks, said,

“This cup is the new covenant which is written in my blood poured out for you and for many. Drink this cup in remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim my life, death, and resurrection until I come again.”

Therefore, we are bold to proclaim the mystery of our faith,

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Blessing the Elements

All: We thank you O God for the simple gifts of bread and wine. May they nourish our bodies and renew our spirits to serve you until we sit at the heavenly banquet prepared for all your saints.

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples.

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(Breaking the bread)

Christ our Passover is offered for us,

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance of Christ and feed on them in your heart with thanksgiving.

Come! All things are ready!

(Let an usher know if you would like communion brought to you)

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Meal

All: Gracious God,

we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience, that we may serve you in this world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you forever.

WE GO FORTH

Hymn: “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”

(#181 NCH CD# accompaniment)

***Carrying the Light into the World**

*** Benediction**

You are the light of the world.

Let your light so shine that others may see the good things you do, and glorify God.

*** Postlude**

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI

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Leadership

Rev. Lucy Brady	Guest Preacher
Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Guest organist
David Holland	Director of Music
Robert Miller	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

February 12, 2023 – 6th Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: 1 Cor. 3:1-9; Matt. 5:21-37

Theme: From the Heart

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: \$1,621.00

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

March Newsletters - Monday, Feb. 20

Meeting Dates Zoom

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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