



# Trinity United Church of Christ

April 16, 2023  
10:45 a.m.

**Second Sunday of Easter  
In-Person Worship  
FB Live Streaming**

## “Without a Doubt”

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** Sue Myers

**Call to Worship** Sue Myers

Leader: We come as we are:  
doubting Thomases, fearful disciples, sorrowing exiles, rejoicing  
psalmists!

**People: You come as you are:  
Risen Christ, Christ of peace,  
Holy Spirit, Spirit of forgiveness,  
God of life, God of new birth!**

**All: Show us the fullness of your joy! Show us the path of  
life and living hope!**

Hymn: “Because He Lives”  
<https://youtu.be/oPW9xYEyijQ>

**Prayer of Confession**

Sue Myers

Leader: Stand among us once again, risen Christ, and bless us  
with your greeting: “Peace be with you.”

Stand among us once again,  
and breathe upon us your promised Spirit.

Stand among us once again,  
You who have escaped death,  
and give us new birth into your living hope. Because of your  
great mercy, we confess

**All: Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you  
with our whole heart.**

**We are truly sorry and ask your forgiveness, in Jesus’  
name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor Lucy

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Offer a sign of Christ’s peace to one another.

**A Story for the Child in All of Us**

**Youth and Children’s Church**

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!

**Passing of the Peace**

## WE PROCLAIM

**First Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9 Sue Myers  
Leader: This is the Gospel of Jesus the Christ.  
**People: Thanks be to you O God.**

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-31 Pastor Lucy

**Sermon: Without a Doubt** Pastor Lucy

**Hymn: “Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day” (#241 NCH)**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

**Announcements** Sue Myers

**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** Pastor Lucy

God of great mercy,  
accept our offerings,  
given out of what is more precious than gold—our faith in you,  
giver of hope and life. And through these gifts, reveal the risen  
Christ in acts of mercy, love, and joy. Amen.

**Hymn: “In the Bulb There is a Flower” (#433 NCH)**

## WE GO FORTH

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

**\* Benediction** (Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1, John 20)

In great mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope,  
for it is the risen Christ  
who stands in our midst and says,  
"Peace be with you!"

We go forth to walk the path of new life and living hope.  
And may the peace of the risen Christ be with us!

**\* Postlude** Instrumental music

**Worship Notes and Resources:**

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**Leadership**

Lucy Brady

Sue Myers

Deb Persinger

Sandy Sanders

Guest Pastor

Lay Reader

Worship Committee

**Improvement Offering today.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:**

**April 23, 2023 – Third Sunday of Easter**

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35

Theme: Faithfulness



Join us for the Earth Day event  
Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
after worship.

We will have pizza, a brief scripture lesson, plant seeds,  
and hand out Earth Day goodies.



**April 23, 2023**  
**Coffee Hour**  
**with Pastor Jessica**  
**10a.m.**



The community shred event hosted by

Manchester Trinity United Church of Christ is on

Thursday April 27 from 5-7 pm

at the church.

### 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: \$2,625.00**

Attendance: 56

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$210.00

***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

May Newsletters - Monday, April 24

### Meeting Dates Zoom

Worship Comm – Tuesday, April 18 @ 6pm

PPR – TBA

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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



### Faithful Five

Periodically, Pastor Jessica's "Faithful Five" devotional time  
will be shared via our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC](https://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!

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