



# Trinity United Church of Christ

April 2, 2023

10:45 a.m.

**Palm/Passion Sunday  
In-Person Worship  
FB Live Streaming**

## “Shaping Revolution”

**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 by  
Hannah Matthews**

**Welcome** *Pastor Jessica*

**Greeting** **Robert Miller**  
One: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!  
**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
One: Hosanna in the highest!

### **Opening Prayer**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: We praise and bless you, ever-living God,  
for the acts of love by which you redeem the world  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem  
and was proclaimed king  
by those who spread their garments and palm branches  
along his way.

Let the branches waved today be for us signs of his victory;  
and grant that we who bear them  
may always acclaim Jesus Messiah  
by walking the way of his truth  
that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom.  
Through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem**

Mark 11:1-11

Pastor Jessica

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

### **Procession of the Palms**

Processional Hymn: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!” (NCH 213)  
*(Children process in with Pastor Jessica, congregation  
wave palms from pews.)*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

God our redeemer,  
You sent your son to be born of a woman  
and to die for us on a cross.  
By your Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your Word so,  
as the Scripture is read and proclaimed this day, we may  
be reconciled and won wholly to your will;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**A Time for Discovery**

**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!

**WE PROCLAIM**

**First Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10      Robert Miller

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 27:11-50    *Pastor Jessica & others*

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:** When Only Bloodshed Remains    *Pastor Jessica*

**Exchanging of the Palms & Special Music:** \_\_\_\_\_ played by Hannah Matthews

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to Offering**

**\*Doxology as a Reading**

**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**

**Announcements**

**Pastor Jessica**

**Hymn:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (#224)

**WE GO FORTH**

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

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude** Instrumental music performed by Hannah Matthews

**Worship Notes and Resources:**

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

**Lenten Worship Series and Bible Study!**

**Meeting with a meal following worship today.**

**Leadership**

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley

Pastor

Hannah Matthews

Pianist

Robert Miller

Lay Reader

Deb Persinger

Worship Committee

Sandy Sanders

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

#### **April 6, 2023 – Maundy Thursday**

Scriptures: 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17; 31b-35

Theme: Last Supper

*\*Communion will be served*

#### **April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday**

Scriptures: Gen 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:1-10

Theme: Finding Hope

*\*Communion will be served*

### 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: \$1,756.00**

Attendance: 26

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

May Newsletters - Monday, April 24

### Meeting Dates Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, April 5 @ 7pm

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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